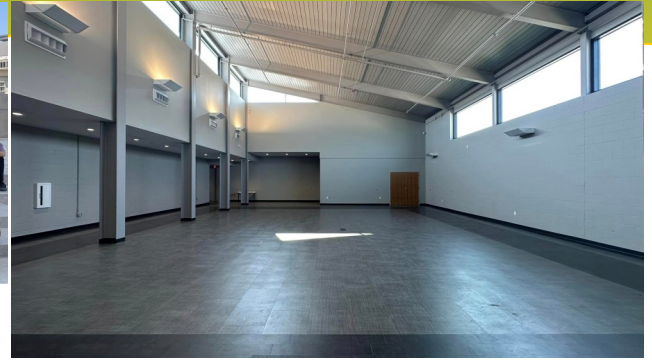




The Bethel Beacon

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Dear Bethel Friend,

What a joy it is to write this update because we have so much to tell you. We are very pleased with our new computer lab, multipurpose activities center, the corridor ramp replacing three steps, kitchen cabinet, and the trellis over the main entrance. We are amazed by how God uses the Bethel ministry to touch so many lives in our community. Thank you so much for partnering with us in offering hope and help. We covet your prayers and financial support to feed the hungry and continue our work in Kansas City, Kansas.



Our construction project is almost done and we hope to get temporary certificate of occupancy within the next few days. We cannot wait to use and enjoy our new building. Increased construction and material costs necessitated for us to continue raising funds to payoff our construction loan of \$303,000 and other needs like computers, tables, chairs, exercise equipment, PA system, projector, portable stage and basketball hoops, and several other needs. Please keep us in your prayers and share our needs with your church members, family and friends.

Michael Stewart, a new staff at Bethel enjoyed working with students during our summer program. Enjoy his reflection - "It was a summer to remember for everyone who took part in the summer program! We all had so much fun and learned a lot too! Our elementary schoolers learned all about the different cultures that make up our lovely home here in Kansas City through a curriculum centered around finding common ground in such a diverse neighborhood. They also got to develop their STEM skills with lots of fun and engaging games that centered on creativity, construction, and friendly competition.

Our middle schoolers learned life skills like stress management, academic success, and communication skills. They also took part in several workshops with the Kansas City Center for Conflict Resolution! Our high schoolers heard from various professionals in highly desired fields, and also got to visit several prestigious colleges and universities. They had numerous opportunities to hear from current college students and staff members and ask them any questions they had! The VBS Bethel and Oak Grove Assembly hosted for our students after the end of our regular summer program gave them the opportunity to hear about God's love in an engaging and memorable way. All in all, the summer program gave every participant opportunities to learn and grow."

We are planning to have a grand opening of our new building on Saturday, October 7th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. We will have dinner at 6:00 p.m. and a short program will follow. Preparation for the event is going on and we hope to have our donors, Bethel family and friends, and well wishers at the event.

Thank you once again for your continued support of the Bethel ministry. May God bless you and your loved ones for your generosity!

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