

Nanticoke PM Church

The Hope Pavilion

“Raise The Roof”
Fund Raising Campaign



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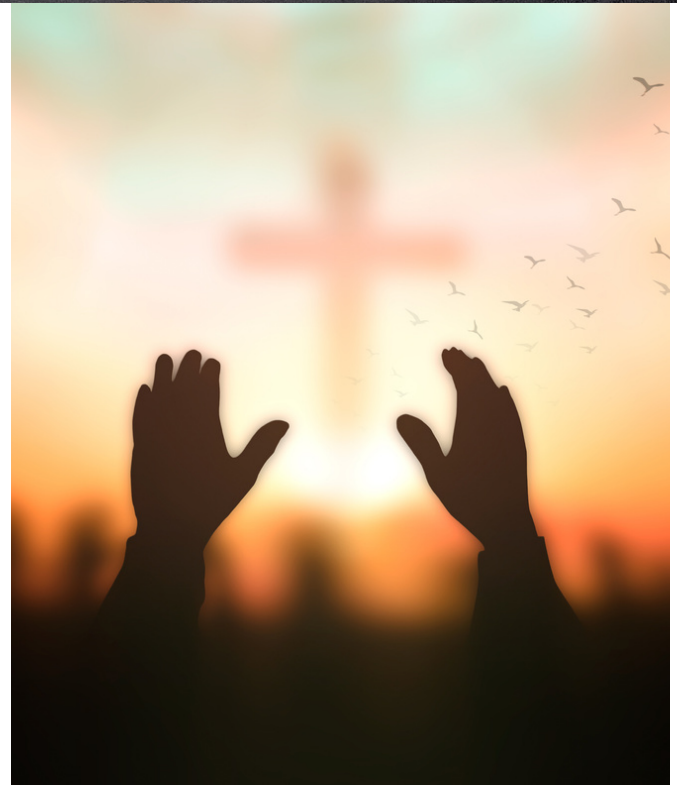
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Introduction



The Hope Pavilion “Raise the Roof” Fundraising Campaign

Nanticoke PM Church has been a **staple in the city of Nanticoke PA for a 140 years**. Just as the city of Nanticoke has changed *drastically* over the past 40 years, so has our church. Although our numbers have decreased significantly over the years, **we have built back momentum over the last 6 years** in an effort to **bring back hope** to the people of our community. As we have focused on reaching out to our community, we have formed many relationships with so many people and families in need.

Our vision at Nanticoke PM Church, is to help **change lives** through the hope that is Jesus Christ.

Our challenge is that most people in our community are unchurched, and not searching for a church to attend.

Our goal is to meet them where they are and create a sense of **belonging before** they can **believe**. We do this by loving them as a way to introduce them to Jesus. **They will know we are Christians by our love.**

THE NEED



Spiritual Needs

The majority in our city are struggling in some way, and **are adverse to religion or church**



Luzerne County is **only 3-4% evangelical**



Since Covid, we have seen a dramatic increase in **people leaving churches** and not returning

We have seen an increase in anxiety, depression, drug and alcohol use, suicide and broken families.

People are struggling! We need to meet them where they are

Family Needs



Over 40% of children in Luzerne County are **raised in poverty**

Over 60% of children in Luzerne County are raised in a **single family home**



BELONGING BEFORE BELIEVING

THE NEED



Mental Health Needs

Luzerne County **deaths** from drug overdose rose by **56% in 2021**



Attempted **suicides** in Nanticoke have been on a **steady rise** for 5 consecutive years

Hospital admissions for mental health, alcohol, and drug issues has **risen steadily** for 3 years

HOPE - HELP - HEALING

The **common denominator** for people suffering from spiritual needs, family needs, or mental health needs, is that they need **hope, help, and healing**. Through counseling, prayer, community, training, mentoring, and fellowship, we can give them a **sense of belonging**.

The Hope Pavilion is a neutral and **safe place** for our hurting community to gather and discuss our struggles with friends.

Without this, our community continues to lack **hope, help, and healing**.

If we don't do this, who will?

By our church stepping up, people are exposed to the **one true hope, Jesus Christ**.

TESTIMONIALS



Testimonials

Ed Williams was alone after a long bout with drug addiction. **He lost everything**, including kids, wife, job, and his will to live. He chose sin over family. He was going to take his last bit of cash and spend it on drugs. He was going into the woods to end it all. After consuming his drugs, he was still alive. Hopeless, and accepting complete defeat, he walked out of the woods and into a drug rehabilitation center.

Moved by the Spirit, he showed up outside our church 3 Sunday's in a row, but too scared to come in. Finally, on Easter Sunday, he came into church and sat in the back. Overcome with a message he thought was delivered just for him, and an overwhelming amount of love and welcoming from our church, **he came back again**.



He asked the Pastor how **our church** could **accept someone like him**. He said that if we could love him the way we do, what about all those out there afraid to come into church as he was?

We started our outdoor **Hope Pavilion** two weeks later, and Ed was enlisted to do set up and break down. It was a big success in drawing people to our book discussion on Anxiety. **Ed thrived** in helping people with his testimony and his love for Christ. However, two weeks later our heavy duty canvas tent was destroyed by rain in a storm. Someone was asked what happened, and said **"God Let Satan knock it down so we could get a bigger and more sturdy one."**

Ed now has a full time job and has moved back in with his wife and son. They are very active in our outreach activities and looking forward to the launch of the Hope Pavilion. **Ed has given his life to the Lord and is getting Baptized this November.**

TESTIMONIALS



Rick has had a long run with alcohol and drug issues over the years. **Having lost hope**, he wandered through the last few years yearning for meaning. I met Rick as **he wandered into our church** one Sunday morning. I invited him to come back to our church and to our outdoor tent book discussion. He said, you don't want me in your church. I told him my testimony about getting saved and freed from my alcohol use. I assured him that we do want him in our church.

That next Sunday he came to our 10 am service and felt so welcomed. He was so surprised that he came back to the 5pm Service. And the following Saturday he came to the book study on Anxiety in the tent.



After a few weeks of attending both services consistently, he suggested getting a little pop up tent to continue meeting outside so he could **invite his friends from AA**. We now have had 6 weeks of book study under a little pop up tent out in the field, and it is attracting people passing by.

Rick has really grown over the past 3 months and will be getting baptized this November.

And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

Matthew 25:40

TESTIMONIALS



We have been **praying for Carol** for many years. Her two sisters attend our church and have offered her up in prayer every week. She has really struggled and has been far from the Lord for a long time.

Her sisters asked the pastors wife to pray for her as they were going over to her house because she was in a crisis. Drinking alcohol and having suicidal thoughts, **she was in despair**. Her sisters prayed over her. They asked the Lord to save her soul.



They left her and met the pastor's wife at the church where they **prayed intensely**, together as a sisterhood, that she be raised back to life as Lazarus was.

The next Saturday she surprised us all and **showed up at the tent book discussion**. She also came the following Sunday to the morning service. She has rarely missed a service or book discussion since.

She said **she felt so loved and accepted in our church family**. We included her in everything. She realized she has a heart to serve. She has repented of her sins and

has asked Christ into her heart, to be her Lord and Savior.

She is a perfect example of **"Belonging Before Belief"**. She has been at most services and most Tent book discussions, and is following Jesus as closely as she can.

Praise the Lord that Carol will also be getting baptized this November.

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY



Hope Pavilion

Why Do We Need the Hope Pavilion?

Here at Nanticoke PM Church **we are growing a culture of belonging**, regardless of where you are in your faith walk.

We believe that **our community** needs to **belong before** they **believe**. Our community is overwhelmed with anxiety, alcohol, drugs, mental illness, poverty (financial and spiritual), parenting issues, and discouragement. As such, we need to meet them where they are. Our meeting place for meeting people where they are **needs** to be the **Hope Pavilion**.

What kind of events will there be at the pavilion?

Prayer Meetings

On this field, in between two busy streets, stands our church family praying aloud for the people in our church and community. People stop and stare, and come over to see if we would pray for them. Praying outdoors under our little pop up tent has opened our eyes to just how much everybody needs prayers.



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Concerts



This will be a great attraction for our community to join in once a month to sing songs of hope, encouragement, and God's love. Outdoor singing under our pavilion will be a big catalyst for bringing people together.

Outdoor Sunday Services

From Memorial Day to mid October people will enjoy getting together outdoors under the Hope Pavilion to praise and worship together as a church family. This will attract people who aren't currently attending a church in person. We will welcome all people with open and loving arms.



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Women's and Men's Bible Studies



When we hold our men's and women's bible studies outside under the Pavilion, people are curious. In their minds, this breaks the mold of a typical bible study, which they may be fearful to attend. The outdoor session itself is an open invitation to all onlookers to COME AND SEE!

Pancake Breakfast

Breaking bread together is a fantastic way to get to know people. Hearing their stories and struggles helps us to pray for them and encourage them. Sometimes providing for their needs physically lowers people's guard to help them in other ways.



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Movie Night



Our community lacks events for kids and young adults to socialize in safe and healthy ways. Who doesn't like outdoor movies. Popcorn and an outdoor movie brings people together, when all other options aren't the best. By bringing people together, we can minister to their needs more effectively.

Christmas and Candlelight Vigil

One of the most joyous times of year is Christmas and singing is everybody's way of showing it. The Christmas season is the perfect time to bring the whole community together to sing and hear about the true message of Christmas. This is a great way to bring together hurting people for hot chocolate, cookies, encouragement, singing, and a strong message of hope. Our church family will welcome all people in love, acceptance, and feeling of belonging.



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Nanticoke Revival Tent Meeting



Our town is ready for revival. How wonderful it would be to restore a message of hope in people's hearts. People will come and see because outdoors is exciting and different than in a traditional church. God may bring our entire town under the Hope Pavilion to hear him speak. I have seen miracles happen at tent revival meetings. God can do anything!

Holiday Meal Giveaway

Giving away meals is a fabulous way to show our community that we love them and care about their needs. During Covid, we gave away 200 meals each holiday to anybody in our community who wanted one. Most people couldn't understand why we would give away free meals, pray with them, and offer help anytime they needed it. They would say "why would you do this if we aren't going to come to your church?" And we would say "because we love you and care about you." Most often they would well up with tears.



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Easter Egg Hunt

Many single parents in our community can't afford to provide an Easter basket and candy for their kids. What a marvelous way to bring them all together for a joyous event to show them we love them. It's also a great opportunity to get to know more family's in our community and to let them know what Easter is really all about.



Some of these are events that we have held within our church, but usually are not well attended by people afraid or too anxious to come to church.

How To Help



Here's How To Help

We ask you to **stand with us please** as we continue the work God has placed in our hands - you can do that by **praying** for us or you can do so **financially**.

We are raising **\$109,077** to construct our 26ft x 42ft Timber Frame Pavilion across the street from our church. It will be outfitted with power, a place to store tables and chairs, and canvas shades to cover the walls enabling us to have events all year through.

Estimated Budget: **\$109,077**

There are 2 ways you can give

You can donate online through our website by clicking Give Online
Or you can scan the QR Code with your phone



Make sure to select **"Raise the Roof Campaign"** in the online giving portal

Or

You can mail a check to
Nanticoke PM Church
50 East Church St.
Nanticoke PA 18634



Ways To Give



Pastor Joe and his wife have a heart for serving the needy in communities like Nanticoke. Through biblical counseling, training, and years of experience working with thousands of people in recovery, they have realized that people need to be loved and nurtured before they can grow in faith.

Our prayer is that you will **stand with us** as we continue the work that God has placed in our hands.

Please reach out to Pastor Joe to hear straight from his heart why this is so important, and how you may be able to help us.

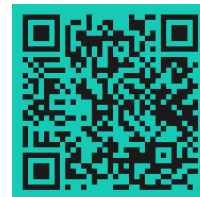
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Click the Give Button
or
Scan the QR code



What are the possibilities for the future?

You have heard the stories of three people who have been saved and are going to get baptized this November. They have all been an active part of our church family and their lives are getting back on track. They are on fire for the Lord and are passionate to help others the same way they have been helped.

If these three have been **helped**, **healed**, and offered **hope**, all within this short window of what God is doing in our church, and they are only a fraction of the miracles, then what can we expect in the future? Perhaps hundreds will come to the Lord over the next five years as they did.

What a small amount of money to invest, considering the value of hundreds or thousands of saved souls!