

## Invitation

This year, we will offer our estimates of giving to the Lord for 2022 on Commitment Sunday, November 14, 2021. Please pray for the success of our growth in generosity, and prayerfully consider how you will financially support the great mission and ministries of Beautiful Savior. The enclosed Estimate of Giving Card can be returned by mail, submitted through the church website at [www.bslcmi.org](http://www.bslcmi.org), or left during worship as a personal offering on Commitment Sunday. Your generous support of our mission in Christ's service is so appreciated and will ensure that BSLC takes more bold steps into our new horizon.

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. - Hebrews 13:16*



## Introduction

Who can fathom what it was like for the Hebrew people to see the new horizon of the Promised Land after forty years in the wilderness? God freed them from slavery in Egypt, shaped and reshaped them as they traveled through the wilderness, and led them into a place where they could be God's people and a light to the nations. The horizon was in front of them and they boldly stepped into it and seized God's blessings that were waiting for them.

Beautiful Savior has boldly moved through a pandemic wilderness for more than a year. We took strategic risks, welcoming God to mold us into a stronger congregation. This time allowed us to position ourselves for spiritual and numerical growth in ways we never dreamed possible. As we near the end of the pandemic and approach a new horizon, we are ready to seize the opportunities that God has placed in our path.

We are excited to be on this journey with you as the people of Beautiful Savior. We are especially excited that God has put us in this time and place to share God's love known through Jesus Christ. Let's join together to seize the new horizon of 2022 as we do more amazing things in God's name.

## Needs

What will it look like to "Seize the New Horizon" in 2022? Pastor Nik and our BSLC leadership have identified these essential areas of focus in 2022:

### Seizing Ways to Care

We will seize opportunities to care more for one another.

### Seizing Spiritual Growth

We will seize opportunities to help people follow Jesus more closely.

### Seizing Numerical Growth

We will seize opportunities for more people to know about Jesus's love.

*Continue reading to learn more about these exciting opportunities for us to seize on our horizon.*



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**THE NEW HORIZON**  
STEWARDSHIP FOR 2022



# Ministry Initiatives

## ► Focus of Stewardship 2022

### SEIZING WAYS TO CARE

Beautiful Savior is a compassionate and caring congregation. Many of our people have had a challenging year or more due to the pandemic. We also have people managing a host of life transitions. God placed us in community to support one another as best as possible. For that reason, we are adding a part-time pastoral position to oversee “Care Ministries.” We are also increasing our investment in small groups, community networking, a new transportation ministry, Stephen Ministry, and other ways to support and care for our siblings in Christ. An additional investment of \$415 per week will help us seize this vital network of care ministries on our horizon.

### SEIZING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Beautiful Savior is a congregation that believes that people of all ages can grow spiritually. We are investing heavily this next year in finding ways for people to continue growing spiritually, both in-person as well as through online and other means. Circles, Bible Studies, Sunday School, Catechism, and other groups are finding ways to help people follow Jesus more closely. Pastor Nik is shifting his schedule so that he can teach catechism as well as a new ministry for 6th graders called “pre-catechism.” We now have an Interim Children’s Ministry Coordinator, who oversees prenatal through 5th



grade ministries, and a new Interim Student Ministry Coordinator, who oversees 6th through 12th grade ministries. Although unrelated to our church budgetary expenses, the BSLC Early Learning Center is once again up-and-running, and the restart included prioritizing its alignment with the mission of Beautiful Savior. To seize the spiritual growth horizon, we have a true bargain for the additional investment of \$600 per week.

### SEIZING NUMERICAL GROWTH

Beautiful Savior is a congregation that welcomes people from all walks of life. Greater investment in online worship, which is reaching people on six continents and most states in our union, will continue to share the good news of Jesus with people far away and even those right next door. Half of our recent new members joined after finding us online. We are resuming our Beautiful Savior concert series that attracts many new faces who become new church friends. This will require greater funding for stewarding our instruments. We budgeted for large fellowship events that give people opportunities to gather in-person again as the subsiding pandemic permits them to do so. An additional \$655 per week will make it possible to share Jesus’s good news more effectively with those on our local and global horizons.

# Weekly Giving

