



MISSION TO MULTIPLY
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Church Revitalization in Maple Glen, PA
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Revitalization

In December 2021, the BFC denomination approached the elders at Faith BFC in Harleysville with the proposition to take under its wings a church in need of revitalization. The pastor of Maple Glen BFC, Lou Pronnicki, announced he was retiring at the end of June 2022 after 30+ years of faithful service and they needed a plan for moving forward. The elders at Faith BFC discussed the proposition and in January 2022 informed the congregation at Faith BFC of this proposal. Over several months, information was gathered, questions were asked, but most importantly, the face of the Lord was sought. In April 2022, the congregation of Faith BFC agreed to officially embark on the process of revitalization with Maple Glen BFC.

The two congregations merged and a pastoral search committee was formed with members from both worship locations. After many interviews and much prayer, the search committee presented me to the elder board as the pastoral candidate. Following a candidate weekend where much time was spent together, the members at Maple Glen unanimously approved me as their new pastor. Beginning October 2022, I began the work of shepherding the flock of Maple Glen BFC.

Relaunch

A launch team was formed and has worked on a new mission, vision, and core values for the church as well as a new name. Maple Glen BFC is now Welsh Road Church: Built on the Bible, Centered on Christ, Growing God's Family. Our main focus is church health. The work of revitalization follows the pattern of: remember, repent, recover. We must remember the past and God's faithfulness to His church, but we must not live in the past. We must recognize where we have failed and look to Jesus in humility. Then we must recover the church's first love: Jesus Christ in all His beauty.

We have also been updating the physical building and property. So far we have installed new locks, upgraded the IT infrastructure, purchased all-new sound equipment and new pew bibles, painted new lines on the parking lot, installed new security cameras around the property and building, created a new logo and signage, and a new website is in the works. There are many other projects coming down the pipeline such as: remodeling the nursery, building a bathroom on the main floor, updating the platform, and refreshing the sanctuary.

Core Values

- Lord's Day Gathering
- Preaching and Teaching God's Word
- Prayer
- Fellowship
- Evangelism
- Biblical Leadership: Development and Deployment
- Mercy Ministries/ Benevolence
- Stewardship

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that God would go before us and prepare the hearts of those in our community so that they would be receptive to our evangelism.
- Pray that God would give me wisdom in how to lead and shepherd the flock well.
- Pray that God would provide the funds necessary to accomplish the projects that the building needs.



Meet the Millers

I grew up in Ephrata, PA and at the young age of 8, felt God's call and conviction of sin on my heart and turned my life over to Him. During my high school years, my family moved to Maryland. There I began to drift from God and during my college years, backsliding from God greatly. In Aug. 2011 I married Stephanie. She has been and continues to be a wonderful, loving and supportive wife. I praise God every day for giving me Stephanie.

By the grace of God, on September 20, 2013, God reoriented my life back to Him. Over the next 6 months, God began to work mightily and I kept having the thought, "You will be a pastor". I knew God was tugging at my heart but I kept resisting, but once I entertained the thought of being a pastor, I started a young adult ministry. God blessed that ministry and I oversaw that ministry for almost 4 years. During that same time, I graduated from Lancaster Bible College with my Bachelor of Science degree in Biblical Studies. After graduating, I took a pastor position at a church in Harrisburg, PA and was ordained to the gospel ministry in Oct. 2017. After 9 months in Harrisburg, God made it clear that I needed to move on from that church and so in January 2019, I started attending Westminster Theological Seminary and working on my Masters of Divinity degree, and finished my degree in Dec. 2022.

In 2020, Stephanie and I welcomed our first child, Zachariah, and then in March 2022, we welcomed our second child, Isaac. After moving to Harleysville for seminary, the Lord led us to Faith BFC. God has gifted me and given me a passion for preaching and teaching. God has made 2 Timothy 4:1-5 a life passage for me. I feel called 1) to preach and teach the Word the way that God intended His Word to be preached; 2) to fear God and not man; 3) to fulfill my ministry that God has called me to; 4) and to preach and teach that reproves, rebukes, and exhorts with complete patience. Stephanie and I look forward to what God has in store for us at Welsh Road Church and how God will grow His kingdom in our local congregation.

Expentantly waiting to see what the Lord will do,

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