



# Revitalization: Welsh Road Church

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2023 has been a tremendous year at Welsh Road Church.

We set out on this adventure in total faith in God that he was calling us to revitalize this church (formerly Maple Glen BFC). God has surpassed our expectations! The church has been and is continuing to be revitalized, both spiritually and physically.

## Spiritual Revitalization

Spiritually we have been revitalized in that the existing members of Maple Glen BFC have expressed a new desire and passion for the Word of God and a willingness to serve the church. Many members have stepped out in faith and begun serving in various capacities and ministries. WRC has welcomed eight new members and dedicated six children in 2023. We see visitors almost every week and many of the visitors in the last 4 months have stayed and are calling WRC their church home. WRC is finishing up a new members class on January 7 with seven people. In early spring, we are going to hold another new members' class. We started a once-a-month Praise and Prayer night where we praise God in song and spend 45 minutes in targeted and focused prayer as a church and for the church. These nights have had a great turnout and have been very powerful. There is no doubt that God is at work spiritually here at WRC. And we know that this is of God because we have not done any organized outreach or evangelism up to this point. Our focus in 2023 was on restoring church health and God has certainly healed this church in many ways. As we enter into 2024, our focus turns to evangelism and outreach. We have many ideas, events, and training planned for 2024 to get us into the community and to get the community to come to us. If God works in 2024 like he did in 2023, we are in for a wild ride.



## Physical Revitalization

God has also revitalized WRC physically. The building was in desperate need of care and attention. Through God's provision of Maple Glen BFC's bank accounts, a gracious gift from Faith BFC in Harleysville, and a loan from the denomination, we were able to complete many large renovation projects such as new IT infrastructure, security cameras, sound system, website, interior

and exterior signage, a renovated nursery, a cross above the baptismal, carpet in the sanctuary and foy-

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er, a basement door, an elevator, two handicap accessible bathrooms (one on each floor). We also painted the entire sanctuary and foyer. God has been so good to us! The building is warm, welcoming, and looks beautiful. There are still many projects on our list which will require more money, but we have no doubt that God will provide.

### Graduation Targets

To become a particular church again, we must have at least two lay elders, at least 20 committed participants (members), and be financially self-sustaining. I began to work with several men on becoming elders and deacons. Our goal is to have several men approved for service by 2025. We have more than the required number of members and are growing. Also, we have hit our monthly budget nine out of the 12 months and there is a possibility that we will hit our budget for the year. This is truly remarkable for our first year while in the process of revitalization! Our goal is to become a particular church once again at BFC Conference in 2026.

We have gone through disappointments and discouragements and our share of difficult personalities and circumstances as any revitalization effort will inevitably experience. However, God has sustained us and brought us through every difficulty stronger in our faith. We know that there will be hurdles, obstacles, and difficulties coming our way in 2024 because all revitalization efforts inevitably experience them; however, we believe our God is bigger and that His calling upon WRC cannot be stopped. Thank you for praying for WRC! Be excited for what God is doing here at WRC; it's all of Him and for Him.

In Christ,

AJ Miller  
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## Praise and Prayer Requests

- Praise God for His care and growth of WRC over the last year
- Pray that God uses this church in a mighty way for His honor and glory and that God would grow His kingdom at WRC
- Pray that God would continue to work in the hearts and minds of all who come to WRC
- Pray that God would prepare the hearts of those in our community to 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 more projects



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