

## Prayer Letter 2025 Church Planter AJ Miller

Welsh Road Church saw the faithfulness of the Lord in 2024!

We have continued to keep the focus on revitalizing WRC as we strive towards becoming a healthy church and a particular church once again. The Lord has worked powerfully in growing the church both spiritually and physically. We still have areas of need for improvement and implementation, but the church's trajectory is trending upwards. Although we are the Lord's instruments through whom He works, this progress is attributed wholly to the Lord.

Our church focus for 2024 was on Evangelism and Outreach. As a church, we began to interact with the community in positive and meaningful ways. The leadership of the church knew from the beginning of the revitalization process that part of seeing WRC revitalized was to have helpful, positive, and supportive interaction with our community. Early in 2024, we developed a Missions and Outreach Committee to talk through these ideas and how to implement them. Many ideas were talked about on how to achieve this goal. And what the committee landed on for 2024 was to participate in Horsham Day and to launch Drive Through Prayer. On Horsham Day in June, we had the opportunity to speak to over 100 people and have fun interactions with over 200 children. We had many volunteers from WRC serve and have great interactions with people. We look forward to this event in 2025 and the positive impact this will have on WRC.

Our other major outreach for 2024 was launching Drive Through Prayer. There were many unknowns and a bit of anxiousness in starting this because we didn't know what impact this would have or if people would participate. However, it didn't take long for us to see God begin to move and the impact this ministry had. In 2024, we had 55 people pull in and allow us to pray with them. Some of them reached out afterwards to give us updates on their requests, some visited our church, and some began to attend WRC. Although our goal was simply to love, care, and show compassion by praying for people, the Lord used it to grow our church. A BIG thank you to all who volunteered to make this happen. We are excited to see how the Lord will use Drive Through Prayer in 2025.

We also put an increased emphasis on the prayer ministry. We continued to hold our monthly Praise and Prayer Night with an average of 17 people attending each month. This is a wonderful time to gather, fellowship, and pray together.

WRC saw numerical growth in 2024. We welcomed 11 people into membership and baptized 3 people. Praise the Lord! And our average attendance ended in 2024 trending upwards with November recording our highest average attendance since beginning the revitalization process in Oct. 2022. This is a result of new members and visitors, with many visitors beginning to call WRC their church home. And we prayerfully and eagerly look forward to seeing how God will use these people to further his kingdom through WRC.

We know that there will be more hurdles to work though as we press on in 2025. But our faith in the Lord is unshaken and we believe that the Lord will provide the resources and the people needed to accomplish His purposes for WRC. There are things we need to work on, but overall, there are many things to be excited about for 2025 as God continues to bless the work going on at WRC; it's all of Him and for Him.

## **Prayer Requests:**

- Pray that God uses this church in a mighty way for His honor and glory and that God would grow His kingdom at WRC
- Praise God who is faithful and good
- Praise God for His care and growth of WRC over the last year
- Pray that God would be glorified above all in all that we do
- Pray that God would continue to work in the hearts and minds of all who come to WRC
- 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 turn WRC into a beacon of hope in our community in the name of Jesus Christ
- 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
- Pray that WRC would develop a deeper passion for God's Word
- Pray for the men stepping into a leadership role and for those who will step into a role soon
- Pray for our children's ministry to expand, for more volunteers, and more kids



Welsh Road Church is a revitalization project spearheaded by Faith BFC in Harleysville, PA with the support of Church Extension Ministries. Welsh Road Church meets at the former Maple Glen Bible Fellowship Church building.

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