



# GROWING in faith

## WATERDAM CHURCH

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### INTRODUCTION

Hello and thank you for reading the very first issue of the "Growing in Faith" Campaign Newsletter. Along with emails, flyers, and bulletin inserts, this is where you will find out the latest news and updates on the capital campaign for Waterdam Church. In this issue, we will take a look at what got us here. We pray that you join us in this exciting chapter of God's Plan.

- Brandon Hewitt (brudhewitt@gmail.com)




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#### The Purpose

This campaign will allow us to continue our commitment to reaching our community and glorifying God by transforming lives through Jesus Christ.



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### HOW WE GOT HERE...

Over the years, Waterdam Church has continued to grow through the faithful service of our pastors, leaders, and congregation. Through prayer and a desire to follow God's direction, we have witnessed the power of Jesus Christ to transform lives. Here are a few milestones along the way...

- 1989 First service by Pastor Michael Dunn with 32 members
- 1992 Loan signed for church property
- 1995 Loan PAID IN FULL(\$126,000)
- 1996 Mortgage for church co-signed by McKeesport E-Free(\$650,000)
- 2005 Hiring of Pastor Jack Wilson
- 2009 Partnership with Young Life and renovation of Work Shop Begins
- 2014 Paid off Mortgage AGAIN
- Now Expansion of classroom space and parking lot expansion

### How Far We Have Come...

by Pete Brooks

From a congregation of 50 to 60 who met in the basement of the Malanos office building on Rt. 19 to Sunday worship attendance averaging 160, plus children in Sunday school and Junior Church who need more space, we've come a long way in 20 years! One thing that has not changed is our church's dedication to teaching and preaching Biblical truth. It's what led Beth and me to join and it is what continues to help us grow in our faith.

Did you know that when the existing church was built, we included an I-beam in the exterior wall of Rooms 107 and 108 because we knew even then that we wanted to eventually break through the wall and expand the church on that side? What is unfolding now is the next step in a grand plan to make the most of the property we have by continuing to grow more disciples who are transformed by Christ and God's word.