



GROWING  
in faith

## WATERDAM CHURCH

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Hopefully you had a wonderful Thanksgiving week. We want to thank all those who organized and served the Thanksgiving feast held on November 12th. These events serve as a way to connect with others and share the love and generosity that comes with Growing in Faith. Imagine the impact we can have through the physical expansion of our church! This campaign will allow us to continue our work without sacrificing the current needs and goals of Waterdam Church.

### Building Committee Updates

**Over the past month, the building committee has been working with Jim Sampey of Sampey Associates Architects to develop the architectural master plans. Through discussions and meetings, it was determined to update Phase 1 drawings that were completed a few years ago to include both a kitchen and a fellowship hall.**

**On November 14th, the building committee met with Mr. Sampey to work through these redesigned plans. Once completed and approved, the plans will be further developed into schematic plans. These are more detailed plans which would then be used to create the actual construction plans.**

**In order for the schematic drawings to be completed, additional survey work and geo-technical testing will need to be completed in the near future.**

**If you have any questions related to the actual physical plans, please reach out to Lew Wetzel, or another member of the building committee.**



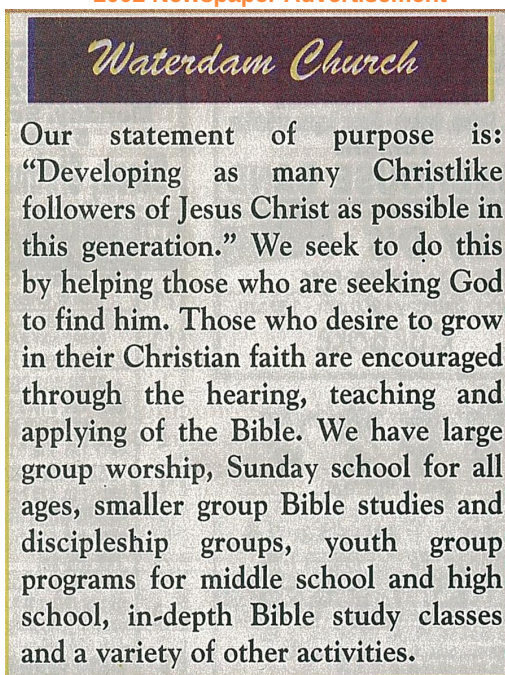
## Prayer Committee

Please continue to be in prayer for the leadership of Waterdam Church as decisions are made surrounding the Growing in Faith Campaign.

We also ask that you commit to prayer by asking the Holy Spirit to reveal how you can participate in this ministry.

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving"  
COLOSSIANS 4:2

2002 Newspaper Advertisement



*Waterdam Church*

Our statement of purpose is: "Developing as many Christlike followers of Jesus Christ as possible in this generation." We seek to do this by helping those who are seeking God to find him. Those who desire to grow in their Christian faith are encouraged through the hearing, teaching and applying of the Bible. We have large group worship, Sunday school for all ages, smaller group Bible studies and discipleship groups, youth group programs for middle school and high school, in-depth Bible study classes and a variety of other activities.

Current site signage before construction

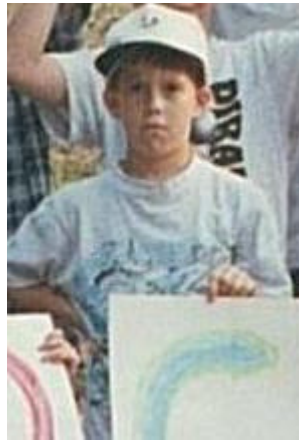


Youth at groundbreaking service 1996



## No Place like Home

by Andrew Dunn



People say that smells are a trigger for strong memories. I remember smelling paper and that bland office aroma while walking down a long hallway, looking eagerly to see if the knife shop on the first floor was open. I remember that musty, dusty scent while playing Mother-May-I in an empty retail space. But most of all I remember the smell of office supplies while sitting in a small room singing hymns surrounded by other children, to later walk across the hallway to 'big' church to sing again and hear my daddy preach.

The South Hills Evangelical Free Church always felt like home. This is where we spent our Sunday mornings, where we came Wednesday evenings, where daddy was when he was not at home, and where my friends were. Hindsight has revealed just how significant these feelings were. How many can claim that church feels like home? How many have a shepherd that loves the flock as his own children?

Waterdam Church (South Hills Evangelical Free Church) has been blessed from its birth to the present with a leader after God's own heart. And because of this blessing it has flourished as a home to the needy and the destitute and a family to orphans. I am blessed to call Waterdam Church my home and the people here family. The simple joy of seeing the trees flourish from saplings, the expanded parking, and the plans for renovation bring joy because of the affirmation that I am not alone in my feelings... Waterdam is your home too!