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## PATASKALA GRACE GETS THE "HOUSE" READY

What do you do when you invite people over to your house?

You get the house ready. You clean, you put things in good repair (no wobbly chairs), and you create an atmosphere where people feel comfortable and safe.

The Pataskala Grace Church in Pataskala, Ohio, followed this same idea as they embarked on "Project Revive" in September 2020. The church, located in a growing area east of Columbus, was established in 1973 and built its first building in 1975.

As time passed, classrooms were added. In 1990, a multi-purpose auditorium was completed, which gave space for a variety of activities. Surrounding acreage added room for outdoor ministry.

So why was "Project Revive" needed? Lead Pastor Tim Wilmetti explains: "It's mostly just fixing up a church that has not had any capital improvements in the last 30 years. Time will take its toll on any building. They require constant attention and improvements. If not, upkeep falls to the wayside. Then it requires a substantial overhaul. This project will restore our facilities after decades of ministry.

"The main purpose for the remodel was to communicate that we are a healthy and vibrant church that desires to fulfill God's Great Commission. When people drive by and

see peeling paint and unkempt landscaping, it sends the message that our church is hurting. When visitors come...only to realize that we have stained carpet and a leaking roof, odds are they won't be back."

Wilmetti, who came as pastor in 2019, calls this a "revitalization process," an effort to energize after a period of decline, which will allow the church to better fulfill its purpose statement: "To share our hope in Jesus as we passionately pursue Him." The project involves roofing, siding, HVAC, plus repairs/upgrades to the nursery, restrooms (and a new handicapped accessible/family bathroom), and more.

"Much of my heart for maintaining our facilities comes from Haggai 1:4," says Wilmetti, "where God speaks to the Jews about maintaining His house as well as their own. If we spend time and energy to maintain our own homes, shouldn't we do the same to maintain our church? We want to create an atmosphere of excellence from the parking lot all the way to the pulpit."

The church is planning a "relaunching" later this year when the project is expected to be completed. With the help of professionals, church volunteers, and the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation, Pataskala Grace will be ready for guests. "It's been our pleasure to work with the church in this project," says Ryan Bowell, GBIF's President and CEO. "We look forward to seeing how God uses their efforts!"



For more information, see their website at [pataskalagrace.org](http://pataskalagrace.org) or like them on Facebook at [facebook.com/pataskalagrace](https://facebook.com/pataskalagrace).



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The Grace Brethren Investment Foundation continues its longstanding track record of contributions to numerous ministries within the Charis Fellowship. With a successful audit recently completed, and 2020 year-end results finalized, the Board has approved goodwill contributions totaling \$773,152. The majority of these contributions are given to ministries that focus on church planting and leadership development within our Fellowship.

"It's our privilege to give generously and re-invest our earnings into ministries that share Christ's love and strengthen our Fellowship," says Ryan Bowell, President and CEO. "Our prayer is that these contributions will propel ministry and growth throughout the Charis Fellowship."

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