



# Plumb Line



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## PROGRESS SO FAR

### Double Your Money!

If you've been worrying about our volunteers scrambling around up on the steel and trying to put up the roof without falling two stories from the peak, rest easy. We decided it was the better part of valor to get a professional crew involved in that part of the job. They have the experience and the nerve for that kind of work, and we're all too glad to cheer them on from the ground.

The \$5500 cost of getting the roof put on is money well spent in any case, but we also have a unique opportunity to stretch our building project dollars. According to Pastor Archer, someone has pledged to match all the money we can raise toward paying for the roof! That's right -- if we can come up with \$2750 in a special offering right away, we can get the roof on the church for half price! If we collect less than \$2750, our unknown benefactor will match that amount and then we'll pay the balance out of the building fund.

If you possibly can, please help us with a special contribution for the roof. Your contributions will go twice as far as usual when combined with our benefactor's matching funds. Don't miss this opportunity to double your money and help take some of the strain off the building program budget!

#### *How To Contribute:*

Place your special offerings into an offering envelope marked **Building Fund: Sanctuary Roof** and put the envelope in the offering plate or turn it in to a member of the staff. Be sure to designate that these offerings are for the roof so that we can keep them separate from regular building fund offerings and add them up for our matching funds.

Smart shoppers never pass up a '50% OFF' sale, and it is rare indeed to get the chance at a 50% discount on a \$5500 item! Please make this a matter of prayer and join us as we demonstrate good stewardship of our finances.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

### The People Are Coming!

Are you spiritually prepared for the people that are even now being drawn by God to our new facility?

Kick back and think about that for a minute -- we're getting questions and increased interest from the community around us even in this early stage of construction. As we continue to build, more and more people around us are going to wonder what's going on; in a day when many churches are struggling for mere survival, we're building a huge new building. Everyone who passes by thinks, 'Wow! There must be something going on over at Mountain View -- they wouldn't set out on a building project that size if their church wasn't a strong one!' It's true, too -- we'd never be able to step out in faith and pull off a project this big without God's anointing on our church body.

So what's the problem?

We humans are pretty good at dealing with tangible things like steel beams and concrete; we can take a set of plans and build a building. If our building project was no more complicated than that, we might as well be building a bowling alley or a water tower; at the end of the project, we'd just stand out on the sidewalk and take pictures of the thing we constructed. We'd get pictures in the newspaper, dedicate the thing, and be done with it. Even though it will be enormously satisfying to cut the ribbon and walk into the new building, that day will be nothing more than the final step of a construction project.

What happens next?

The whole idea of building a new, larger building is to have a new, larger influence on the community! We didn't set out on this project so that we could build a prettier building -- we want the facility and the resources that will let us minister to more people than will fit in the current building! Don't focus so much on the details of the construction project that you get caught by surprise when new people show up; ask God to start preparing you now to minister to more people than we've ever seen before.

## Short Circuit

Whoops! Looks like I need to do a bit more research on the electrical setup at the new building before writing any more articles in the **Plumb Line**. I reported last week that Public Service would be out shortly to set up a power connection to the new building, and that may not be happening right away. I'll try to find out what's going on and provide more (correct, hopefully!) detail in a later issue.

We do know that a team of electricians will arrive on the weekend of September 7 to start work in the basement. We need to get the sheathing up on the walls above the basement before then so that the electricians can get started when they arrive.

## Basement Forms

Finally, all the concrete forms and boards that supported the basement ceiling are down! This was a huge job, given the number of boards and the complexity of the form itself. Many of the sheets used to make the form will be used on the church walls, and a lot of the boards will be used to build the walls themselves. Thanks to a lot of careful work disassembling the forms and pulling nails from the boards, we'll be able to 'recycle' a huge stack of material and save a fair amount of money.

Go down and look around when you get a chance -- the only trace of the forms left is the wood-grain pattern imprinted in the basement ceiling!

## Starving Workers?

Well, they're not actually starving, but they do need to eat!

If you can help Dorothy Sorenson provide meals for the workers (especially the electricians that will be showing up in a few days), please let her know. She's got her hands full trying to keep track of the work force and what support they need for meals and breaks, so the best thing to do is let her know you're willing to help and then let her fit your efforts into the schedule where they'll do the most good.

## \*\*\* Gold Stars \*\*\*

Yes, it's time once again to present the spectacular Plumb Line "Gold Star Award" for service above and beyond the Call of Duty:

**Felix Soto, Frieda Soto, and Scott Oleson** spent some time framing up the walls on top of the basement. Framing work is pretty neat -- as you assemble the pieces

and raise the walls, it's exciting to see the building taking shape right there in front of you!

## Question and Answer

**Q. How are we going to build the sanctuary walls with all those angled steel beams in the way?**

**A. Yes, indeed -- those braces are going to complicate matters quite a bit. On those parts of the wall, we'll have to measure out boards and then cut them at the right spot to go around the braces. The framing job will take longer than simple straight walls would, but it can't be helped. Those steel braces are permanent parts of the building.**

## Working Hours

The work schedule varies with the weather, occasional hold-ups experienced while waiting for material, and other reasons, but here are some general guidelines:

\* Work is normally done from about 8 A.M. to about 2 P.M. on weekdays, and most Saturdays.

\* Work continues on most weekday evenings, starting in the mid to late afternoon after things cool off.

For specific dates and times, ask around -- DeeDee Minne is helping Pastor Archer coordinate the volunteer effort, and you can also grab someone on the construction team to find out about day-to-day operations on the site.

## Back Talk!

Got a question? Want to make an announcement? Want to recognize someone for a job well done? Get it in the paper! The **Plumb Line** is here for construction news, announcements, and project updates. Help us make this paper better and more useful; get in touch with me.

## Contact Information

Here are some names and numbers you may need for project information and coordination:

**DeeDee Minne** 665-0382

Volunteer coordination (construction, child care, etc.)

**Dorothy Sorenson** 469-4905

Coordination of meals and work breaks