



# Plumb Line



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## PROGRESS SO FAR

## WHAT'S NEXT?

### Status Symbol?

It is functional, yet it makes a bold statement. It has classic lines, but it's completely up-to-date and modern at the same time. It somehow manages to be petite and charming while at the same time giving an impression of sturdiness. We're sure the critics will love it.

What is it? Why, it's our very own brand-new fireplug! Let me tell you, not too many folks have their own private fireplug -- I'm sure ours will be a source of great pride for generations to come. It was installed last Wednesday, and you simply must rush out to the construction site and check it out. I was thoroughly impressed, and I'm sure you will be too.

### Roof Fund

As of last Wednesday, our collection for the roof fund sat at \$2300.40. If we can collect another \$449.60, we'll have pulled together \$2750 and the matching funds from our benefactor will bring us up to the full \$5500 to pay for the roof! Please help us finish off this effort -- remember, when you drop a \$10 or \$20 bill in this offering, you're actually doing \$20 or \$40 worth of good toward paying the bill for the roof!

### Flash Flooding Reported

You may not have noticed due to all the rain last week, but there was a fairly spectacular flash flood at the construction site. There were no injuries or any reports of property damage, but everyone present marveled at the sight of roughly 87 bazillion gallons of water running everywhere.

What happened? When we got the water line hooked up to the city, they ran pressurized chlorine water through the pipes to disinfect them and kill any bacteria that might have been living there. Sleep well tonight -- the Great Flood of Lafayette has made our water pipes safe for the new building.

### Electric Personalities

The electricians that helped us with the wiring on the new building loaded up their trailers and RVs last Wednesday and headed out to their next challenge. We are all sad to see them go; we appreciate the work they put in and their good fellowship, but we knew we couldn't keep them forever. It's time to share the blessing we received from them with the folks involved in their next project, I guess. Anyway, we wish them Godspeed and good luck as they continue their ministry, helping people all over the place build the church facilities that will reach the next generation of Christians.

Keep these folks in your prayers; even as we thank God for the work they did for us, they need His guidance and His provision as they move on to other areas of service. We can't all go chasing around the country helping out on projects like they do, but we can certainly join hands around the dinner table and support them in prayer. It's really neat when God uses fellow believers to remind us that we're not alone in this world; we're all part of the one Church, the Bride of Christ, and we're all in this together.

### Quick! More Tarpaper!

Rain.

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Some days, the construction crews wonder whether they should hurry to get more tarpaper on the roof between rain showers or give it up and start building an Ark. The prevailing opinion, though, is that we need to get the roof covered in tarpaper as soon as we possibly can. The laminated beams that hold up the roof aren't really designed to be out in the weather, and we want to get them 'under wraps' right away. The metal roofing won't go up for a little while yet, but the tarpaper will shed water and keep the beams dry until we get ready for the next stage.

## Faith Moves Mountains

In case you haven't noticed, the big mountains of dirt that stood between the new church building and Highway 287 are gone! Now, you can see our new facility clearly from the highway. Those mountains were not 'removed and cast into the sea,' however -- they were just spread around the site and used as fill dirt.

Dirt work is one of the strangest parts of a big construction project like this -- you would not believe how many hours of study and calculation went into the plans for pushing dirt around on the site! It's tricky business, all right -- you have to start out with a set of careful measurements of the area, decide where all the fill dirt is supposed to go, and then be able to measure afterward if you put the right amount of dirt in the right spots. If you're successful, no one notices all your hard work -- they just look down between their feet and say, 'Yup! That's dirt, all right!' If you foul up, though, it's pretty serious -- the first time it rains, everyone from miles around comes running after you with torches and sharp sticks because you've messed up the drainage pattern for the whole neighborhood! Three cheers for the surveyors, civil engineers, and heavy equipment operators that have literally moved mountains to give our new facility a nice-looking, firm foundation! It was a 'dirty' job, but they did it well. (You should have known I couldn't pass THAT joke up!)

I for one am glad to see those dirt mountains disappear. Call me crazy (it's happened before), but I was always looking over my shoulder, waiting to catch a glimpse of the band of giant gophers that make dirt-piles fifteen feet tall...

## Calling All Walls!!!

Hear ye, hear ye!

We need all the help we can get to frame up the outer walls of the building! This is really starting to become a problem area; we need to get the walls up, especially around the center section of the building. We can't raise roof trusses for the center section without walls to support them, and we can't put up the center roof section without the trusses underneath! We REALLY, REALLY want to get the roof and walls in place before the weather turns nasty. Everyone involved with the project will sleep a lot better at night once the walls and roof are up and weathertight, so PLEASE come out and lend a hand. The work is not terribly complicated, but there's just a lot of it and the weather is starting to work against us. Come on out and swing a hammer or carry a board -- help us transform the project from Lafayette's biggest outdoor gazebo into a real live building!

## \*\*\* 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:

**Lori Eitelbach** and **Penny Siedenburg** helped nail down tarpaper on the roof last week. Many thanks for helping to get that tarpaper in place and keep the rain off the beams!

### Question and Answer

**Q. Why is there a big notch in the south side of the sanctuary roof?**

**A. That big notch in the roof is where the sanctuary roof will meet up with the roof over the center section 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**                                **637-9841**

Volunteer coordination (construction, child care, etc.)

**Dorothy Sorenson**                            **469-4905**

Coordination of meals and work breaks