



Plumb Line



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PROGRESS SO FAR

Rock And Roll?

While you weren't looking, 35 tons of native rock showed up at the construction site! This rock will be used at the corners, columns, and along the front of the new building, providing a sharp-looking natural accent for the whole structure. I think it's a really nice touch; although we know that God is more concerned with His church than the building it uses, it's still neat that we can put up a nice-looking structure.

Rock is pretty inexpensive (as building materials go), too. That sort of rock is only 2¢ per pound! Hmmm... let's see, now... 35 tons of rock at 2000 pounds per ton is 70,000 pounds of material. At 2¢ per pound, that works out to about \$1,400. Yikes! That does add up to a sizable sum, doesn't it? It's a good thing for us that the Lord provides for our needs -- **the whole load of rock was donated!**

Groovy Pad!

(All right, here's your chance to explain what a 'groovy pad' is -- your kids have no idea!)

Kidding aside, we now have a sharp-looking new concrete pad under the drive-through overhang on the west side of the building. Even though the driveway that connects to the drive-through is still only a gleam in a designer's eye, the pad itself will come in handy for the construction crews.

(Sorry -- our 'pad' doesn't have any lava lights, glitter balls, or ankle-deep green shag carpet. On second thought, maybe that's not a bad thing...)

This Little Light

Construction crews and church members aren't the only ones glad that we've got a roof up over the building, it seems -- Pastor Archer had to contact the police after spotting a group of people wandering around in the new building. The police recommended that we put up a security light somewhere in the project to deter the local wildlife, and it seems to be working.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Hog Wild?

Most of the building materials stacked around the site make sense to the casual observer; there are boards, nails, rolls of tarpaper, and... HOGWIRE? Why in the world do we have rolls of wire fence in the sanctuary? Are we planning on putting a little hog farm or petting zoo in the backyard?

Relax -- we haven't made any plans to go into ranching. The rolls of wire fence will be spread out and used to reinforce the concrete floor in the sanctuary.

Bountiful December

Praise the Lord for our members, their stewardship, and their sacrificial giving! Building program contributions for the month of December set an all-time record! We've been saying all along that we need to keep the building fund balance up so that we can put off our construction loan as long as possible, but it's really humbling and gratifying when our people come through with their contributions.

Keep up the good work, people! We know that God will richly bless your continued commitment to this project. If we are faithful to God's work and His direction, He will provide for all our needs. At the end of the project, I trust that we'll be able to show God's providence to the community around us by telling them of His blessings throughout the whole building process.

Tarred and Papered

After an eternity of framing work and a million pints of sweat, we finally have the roof sheathing finished and the tarpaper in place. Whew! I'm sure I'm not the only one that wondered if we'd ever get through that stage of construction, but here we are! As soon as we get the cupola in place on the auditorium, we'll be ready to put on the metal roofing.

Everybody say it together: "I'm glad THAT'S done!"

Daylight Savings

In case you're wondering, we haven't forgotten about the large south wall of the building. We haven't run out of sheathing, either -- there's actually a good reason why that wall remains uncovered.

It's pretty simple, really -- if we cover that wall, we can't see to work in the sanctuary! We're on Daylight Savings Time in the truest sense; if there's no daylight, we're out of business! So, the south wall is actually being used as a gigantic skylight for the time being. Plans are in progress for lighting inside the sanctuary, but right now we're running on fresh air and sunshine.

More Room! More Room!

Never underestimate the ingenuity of the construction crew. There's no telling what they'll think up next!

The original plans for the vestibule call for a drop ceiling suspended from the rafters, but our folks have come up with a better idea. Instead of just wasting all that space above the vestibule, why can't we put a couple of classrooms up there? After some discussion with the architects, plans are now being drawn up to add a 'top floor' in the vestibule that gives us about 650 square feet of floor space. Sure beats wasting all that room, doesn't it?

Pour the Floor!

Concrete forms are going up for the first section of the auditorium floor (the baptistry area, rest rooms, and part of the platform). As soon as the weather breaks, we'll pour that section and start to work on the complex framing around the restrooms and platform. As weather permits, we'll be pouring the rest of the floor in sections, working back toward the front door. This is our next big goal -- all sorts of tasks can be started once the floor is in place. Pray with us for some stretches of good weather; even though the whole pour will take place inside the building, extremely cold temperatures can delay the pour.

Working Hours

The work schedule varies with the weather, occasional hold-ups experienced while waiting for material, and other reasons. In general, there's something going on all the time weekdays and Saturdays unless the weather turns really bad.

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! Contact **Philippe Nave** at **469-8327** (home) or **538-3150** (work) (send e-mail to pnave@lucent.com)

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Coordination of meals and work breaks