



Plumb Line



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PROGRESS SO FAR

Building Secure!

At long last, we can now close the doors on the new building. This may not sound like much, but it is a pretty important milestone; now, we can prevent folks from taking impromptu tours of the construction site. As we move from the initial stages of construction to more of the finish work, we're starting to accumulate quite a bit of expensive hardware and fixtures in the new building, and we've been looking forward to the day we can secure the facility. We've had a few problems with the local wildlife wandering around in there at odd hours, breaking lights and scattering nails all over the place, but now we can feel more confident that we won't encounter nasty surprises when we walk in.

Some Assembly Required

The metal sheets that will make up our roof are here! They've been manufactured, cut to the proper sizes, and delivered right up to the roof of the building. Jerry Eitelbach and Kevin Ross will be heading up there just as soon as they can work it into their roofing schedule, and then we'll get to watch the roof change from a weather-beaten expanse of tar paper to a sharp-looking metal roof.

That poor old tar paper has given its utmost over the last few months, and it's clearly on its last legs. I'm looking forward to seeing the new roof in place! I'm sure it will make an enormous difference -- not only in appearance, but in weatherproofing the whole structure.

Tall Wall?

That sort of sounds like something from Dr. Seuss, doesn't it? You can tell what kind of books I've been reading lately -- I've lost my place in War and Peace, but I can almost quote Hop On Pop word-for-word.

Anyway, the huge wall in front of the baptistry is coming up nicely! This is a tricky bit of framing, if you ask me; that thing must be close to twenty feet tall!

WHAT'S NEXT?

Sound System Fund

Here's an offer that will appeal to financial wizards and bargain hunters alike! An anonymous donor has made the following pledge: If the church can raise \$2,000 towards a new sound system for the new building, they'll contribute \$1,000. In simple terms, this means that we can get \$3,000 worth of sound equipment for \$2,000!

Some folks write off the sound system as a trivial side issue, figuring that our guys can plug along with the mismatched collection of equipment we've got and do the best they can. Well, that's true, I guess, but the result of that sort of planning will be less than satisfactory. The A/V guys have done an outstanding job with the tools they have, but the simple fact is that the new building is a bigger, more versatile facility. (That is why we're building it, isn't it?) We want this new facility to provide us the tools we need to minister to the church body and the community around us, and one of those tools is a good sound system. This equipment costs a fortune; it really does take a serious investment to provide a sound system for a large space. Don't pass up this opportunity to stretch your sound system dollars; contribute what you can to the designated building fund account for the new sound system!

Heave Ho!

All right, here's your assignment. You need to pull five wires through a pipe. Simple, right? Oh, by the way -- each wire is the size of your little finger in diameter, the wires are stiff, and the pipe is eighty feet long! Still want the job?

Relax -- the job has been done already. **Five guys** spent an **hour and a half** dragging power cables from the back of the church to the rear of the platform area the other day! Even with a special soap to make the wires slippery, that was a backbreaking job. Two guys worked at stuffing the wire in the south end while three more pulled from the north, finally getting the cables in position.

Pray for May

The whole month of May is shaping up as a busy time for the construction crews. Here's the problem -- we've got a bunch of jobs coming up in the top of the building, and we want to schedule them one after another to keep from paying a fortune in rental for a 25-foot lift. We need to do work on the sprinkler system, lights, heating ducts, and ceiling (drop ceilings, insulation, and sheetrock). The coordination of all the contractors and material deliveries will really be tricky, and we ask for your support and prayers so that we can get all this stuff scheduled and done in the least amount of time.

City Approval

After quite a bit of preparation and explanation, the city has given its approval to our plan to add classroom space above the foyer. This huge area, originally drawn as empty space in the building plans, will come in handy for classrooms and storage area! In addition, we have city approval to build a staircase on the outside of the south wall of the building that will lead to this new classroom area. Watch for the stairs to start creeping up the wall!

Pillars of Lafayette

They may not be in the same league as the Pillars of Hercules (one of the Seven Wonders Of The World, for those of you in the Nintendo Generation), but they are thoroughly impressive. Herb Dayhoff, our stonemason, is on the job building stone columns at the corners of our new building! He carefully cuts each stone to the proper length, then chips each exposed face to produce a beautiful shadow effect that adds to the natural beauty of the rock. One column is nearly done, and we're all anxiously waiting for the mud to dry out around the building so that he can continue his work on the others.

Landscaping Committee

Please keep the Landscaping Committee in your prayers in the weeks to come! We're fast approaching the time when decisions have to be made and work begun on the land around the new building; we need to start on parking lots, exterior lighting, and the whole stack of issues associated with the building's exterior. This effort is a whole lot more complicated than it looks; there are hundreds of tasks to be planned out, scheduled, and executed in the proper sequence. Lift up Glen Degenhart and the Landscaping Committee in your prayer time; they need our support and God's leadership as they roll up their sleeves and start to work.

*** Gold Stars ***

Yes, here we are again to present the prestigious Gold Star Award! The envelope, please.....

We're pleased to commend **Fred Sorenson, Jim Brunemeyer, Bill Hillin, Jim Foster, and John Lewis** for their tireless efforts of late! These guys have been working long hours on a whole host of tough jobs, and we most definitely appreciate all their efforts!

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