



# Plumb Line



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## PROGRESS SO FAR

### Watch for Big Cats!

If you decide to take a stroll out to the construction site, keep a sharp lookout for big cats! Don't bother carrying catnip or tuna fish out to them, though -- these 'Cats' run on diesel fuel and aren't terribly interested in playing with balls of yarn.

Yes, indeed -- it's time for the big earthmovers to return to the construction site! We're getting ready to measure out the parking lots and landscaped areas around the building, and we'll be pushing dirt back and forth for a while to get everything lined up with the plans. Doug's Excavating will be doing the work, and the first task will be a trench for water and power lines to serve the sprinkler system and exterior lights.

### Thrifty Roof?

If you're like me, you've stood by and cheered as the work crews have installed the metal roofing on the new building. Day by day, it seemed, more of the old nasty tar paper vanished beneath sharp-looking metal roof panels. Finally, there were only a couple of little sections left to do...

What happened?

Well, the simple fact is that we ran out of roofing material and had to order some more.

This just doesn't happen on big commercial projects, you know. On those big deals, the roofing contractors routinely overestimate the amount of material required, sometimes by as much as 20%. Then, the poor builder just has to eat the cost of the extra material. In our case, Jerry Eitelbach tried to estimate our requirements **exactly** and order only the material we actually needed. He got pretty close, really-- I'd hate to try to estimate how much material it takes to cover all those odd shapes and angles in the roof. Now, we'll get one last shipment of roofing panels and finish up the job with virtually no wasted material! We all appreciate Jerry's stewardship!

## WHAT'S NEXT?

### Welcome, Bond Family!

It sure is nice to see the Bonds again! Ray and Penelope and the kids are here for the weekend, and we look forward to seeing how all of them are doing.

When Ray called Pastor Archer to tell of his upcoming visit, he asked whether he should bring his hammer and tool belt -- naturally, Pastor Archer told him to bring it on! By the time the new building is complete, we'll be able to brag that we've had people come in from all over the country to work on it.

### Everett Checks Up?

Boy, we can't get away with anything around here! Just when we think we can settle down and work on something, somebody else shows up to make sure we're on the right track. Last Saturday, Everett Soper appeared at the Men's Breakfast, grinning at everybody. Afterwards, he put in a full day's work at the site!

I had no idea that our construction project was such a popular vacation destination... must be the mountain air, I guess.

### Lights On High

If you've been puzzled by the big cans that are sprouting from the ceiling of the new auditorium, fret no more. They will each hold a powerful overhead light, and the electrical crews have been working like crazy to install the hundreds of feet of wire hooking them together.

Offhand, you might not think it's too big a job to put up some overhead lights, but think again -- there are 40 or 50 of these things, and they are WAY up in the ceiling! I get goosebumps just thinking about changing light bulbs in those fixtures, much less installing them and hooking them up. The electricians are making steady progress, though, and soon we'll be able to light up the new auditorium!

## Accessible Baptistry

Rest easy, folks. You no longer have to worry about pole-vaulting into the baptistry; Jim Foster has built stairs for you. I know there are folks out there that used to lie awake at night worrying about how new converts were going to get baptized, but Jim has come to our rescue!

This has been a public service announcement on behalf of Citizens for Accessible Baptistries.

## Mountain View Motel?

Well, we've got folks living in the basement again! No, no -- don't call the police! This is a group of young people and adults from Oklahoma, here to work with Habitat for Humanity in Wheat Ridge and help out a couple of churches. They're passing out flyers for Front Range Community Church and helping out with carpentry and cleanup work on our new building, and we're happy to provide a 'home base' for them while they're here.

## New Furnace Installed

The heating contractors have been working steadily to get all the heating and air conditioning systems installed and hooked up, and they've recently passed an important milestone. You may not have realized it, but the plans call for a furnace in the back of the platform area to serve the north end of the building. That furnace has been installed, and many more feet of ductwork have been put in! Go, guys, go!

## Thanks, Joe and Linda!

Joe and Linda Saunders came to town to see their kids the other day. While they were here, Joe got a little restless. On the way to the kids' house, he passed by our church and saw all the construction activity, so he decided to stop by and see if we needed any help. Naturally, he was welcomed with open arms, and then he spent a couple of days working on the new building! Not to be outdone, Linda put in quite a few hours cleaning up the construction site and helping Nancy in the office.

I can see you scratching your heads, trying to figure out whether you know Joe or Linda. I'll save you some trouble -- you probably don't! They just saw a sister church working on a building project and stopped to help! God continues to amaze us every week by sending help from all over the place, and it lifts our spirits considerably to see Him at work.

Here's a big **THANK YOU** for Joe and Linda and all their friends at the First Baptist Church in Moore, Oklahoma!

## More Columns

Don't look now, but the stone columns on the sides of the new building are creeping up on you! The second column is finished, and the third one is moving right along!

## 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](mailto:pnave@lucent.com))

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Coordination of meals and work breaks