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PROGRESS SO FAR

WHAT'S NEXT?

"Meet My Guest"

The "Meet My Guest" fellowship we had in the new building on August 24 was a huge success! We had about 100 folks there, and we weren't even close to filling up the new auditorium. The event was a lot of fun, and it gave us a taste of what it will be like to meet regularly in the new building.

The purpose of the "Meet My Guest" fellowship was to have our members introduce a number of new families and visitors that have been attending our fellowship. That way, we can start associating names and faces and welcome these new folks into the Mountain View family. A good time was had by all, and we all look forward to more opportunities to get to know each other better.

Stairs To The Upper Room

The staircase on the south wall of the building is complete! Now, if you wanted to, you could get to the Upper Room from the outside! Actually, the stairs are a fire escape for the second level of the building.

This was a tricky bit of construction; the staircase is pretty tall, and there was quite a bit of precision carpentry involved in getting everything put together correctly.

I Stand At The Door

Behold, I Stand At The Door...

If someone stands at the west door of the building (under the drive-through overhang), you can behold them through the door itself! The temporary door is gone, replaced by a nice-looking glass door!

Finish work like this is progressing all around the building, and it's really looking sharp. Little by little, the building is changing from a facility that's 'under construction' to one that is getting the 'finishing touches.' The doors and window frames are painted a nice dark bronze color that sets off the color scheme, and the whole project looks better day by day.

Calling All Helpers

Get out your calendars and Day-Timers, folks!

We're hoping to move into the new building in mid-December, but we need your help! In the short term, we're trying to focus our efforts on outside jobs so that we can get them under control before the weather turns bad. After that, we can switch back to the interior of the building and work on those tasks even in foul weather.

Matthew will be contacting every family in the church, looking for commitments a couple of times a month for the next few months. Pretty soon, Ed Ford will be out on the site in the evenings to help supervise work crews, so you will be able to pitch in during weekdays, evenings, or Saturdays to help us meet our mid-December goal. We need a lot of willing hands that will commit some time to this project -- mark your calendars now and get ready for Matthew's call!

This is the light at the end of the tunnel, folks -- let's all pull together and celebrate Christmas in the new building!

Plumb Ducky?

The plumbers and duct workers are sailing along at a good clip, finishing up what seems like miles and miles of ducts and pipes. They should be done in a few days, and I'm sure they'll be glad to tighten the last bolt and finish the job.

You never realize just how much work is involved with this stuff until you watch a building being built; as soon as the job is done, the finish carpenters hurry through and cover up all of it with sheetrock! Even though it all gets covered up in the end, however, we want the plumbers and HVAC folks to know how much we appreciate all their hard work. Countless hours of painstaking effort have gone into these tasks, and they have our thanks.

Watch Your Grades!

Now that school is starting, we figure it's time to start thinking about grades. No, we're not worried about whether you make the Honor Roll -- we're talking about the big graders that will shape the ground around the building. The area around the building is pretty close to its final level right now, but the earthmovers are going to take one last shot at it over the next few days as we prepare to put in the parking lots.

Concrete Snake?

Don't look now, but there's a huge concrete snake winding its way around the building! (Well, that's what it looks like to ME, anyway!)

Actually, the 'snake' is the curb that will separate the landscaped areas from the pavement. It's about half done at this point, and we need to get it all done before the asphalt folks show up to put in the parking areas.

Light Under A Bushel?

Well, we started out by 'letting our light shine before men,' but the neighbors complained. It seems that the exterior lights over the doorways on the west side of the building were shining into the neighbors' bedrooms, and they took a pretty 'dim view' (ha!) of that. To solve the problem, Pastor Archer leapt into action and put some temporary covers over the lights so that they only shine down on the doors, and plans are underway for a permanent solution. I have it on good authority, however, that we won't wind up using bushel baskets to hide These Little Lights Of Ours.

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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