

February 2021 Relocation Update

Construction Update

The construction continues with the facility coming closer to the main building being dried-in. The estimated completion date is now getting clearer and is estimated that it may be as soon as late June! You should begin to see bricks, stone, and stucco going up soon. Here is a drone picture of our progress:



Please note that we have not begun construction yet on the Youth Building. The Youth Building will go to the right of the main building (where the black circle is). As the main building is completed and funding becomes available, we will begin the Youth Building. You can read more about our financial position below.

Financial Update

We are getting a clearer picture of the funding needed to complete the main building of Phase One (worship center, commons, Sunday School class rooms, offices, and children's area). Our estimate for the maximum needed to complete the main building is \$450,000. This number includes funding for Audio/Video/Lighting (this is most of the cost need), seats for the Worship Center, entrance sign, alarm system, retractable choir risers, and some other items. Thankfully, because of giving and a clearer picture of construction costs, this number is less than the

\$750,000 we projected in December we would need to complete the main building. With a projected completion date of late June, we are praying for this funding need to be addressed through giving and continued ways to find cost reductions without cutting corners. Concerning the Youth Building, we still estimate the maximum needed for this is \$750,000. You can learn more about giving through the Forward in Faith Campaign by reading the information below.

Forward in Faith Campaign

What is the Forward in Faith Campaign? The Forward in Faith Campaign is a capital campaign that tags onto our three-year Faith Building Campaign (December 2017 - December 2020) and serves two purposes: (1) provide funding to complete Phase One debt-free and (2) provide the initial funding (architect costs, etc.) for Phase Two (school, fellowship hall, etc.). The ultimate purpose of both campaigns is the same: this is an opportunity for God to be glorified and our faith strengthened as we trust Him.

What are the primary areas of funding needed to complete Phase One? There are two areas of funding need: First, a number of items are needed for funding the main building (worship center, commons, Sunday School class rooms, offices, and children's area), but the greatest funding need is Audio/Visual/Lighting (A.V.L.). Second, we are also praying for the funding to begin building the Youth Building, which is also part of Phase One. Our prayer is that the funding for these items will come through strategic cost reductions in our current construction and additional funding.

How much additional funding *might* be needed? The best way to stay updated about what additional funding is needed is by reading the most recent update on our relocation page of our website: www.fbc-brenham.org/about-us/relocation/.

Are we going to do pledges? No. The Forward in Faith Campaign will take place by the church being provided information on funding needs and then asking the church to pray and give as the Lord leads.

How can I give? There are two opportunities to give. First, the Faith Building designated fund will remain open for gifts until the end of 2021 in order to provide continued funding for Phase One and/or complete campaign pledges for those who desire to do so. Second, you can give to the Building and Growth Designated Fund, which is the ongoing designated fund for major building projects and will be the fund that helps complete funding for Phase One and provide some initial funding for Phase Two (please note: if a contribution is noted for "Forward in

Faith,” it will go into the Building and Growth Designated Fund). Both of these giving options are available on the church envelopes (“Faith Building Fund” and “Building & Growth Fund”) and online at <https://fbc-brenham.org/give/>.

When is the projected completion date? If the weather cooperates and funding needs are met, the main building (worship center, commons, Sunday School class rooms, offices, and children’s area) may be completed by mid-late summer. We also hope that there is enough funding to begin construction of the Youth Building sometime in late spring or early summer.

Questions? Need more info? You can learn more about our relocation and read updates at www.fbc-brenham.org/about-us/relocation/. You can also contact Pastor Ross Shelton at rshelton@fbc-brenham.org or 979-836-2807.

Events on the Property

We continue to think of different ways and events we can have to get you on the property and see what is happening. So many people have mentioned how being out on the site and being in and around the buildings has helped them “see it” and be excited about the relocation. We will keep you updated about all opportunities as we plan them.