

July 2020 Update: Begin Construction

- Over the past few months, the Relocation Committee has been working hard to clarify a number of items so that we can move forward. Our project has been bid out and numerous “back-and-forths” with our construction management firm, Goff Companies, have happened. They have been very helpful. We have our permits approved by the city. Before we made the decision to move forward, we took the month of June to really go into the numbers to review the Guaranteed Maximum Price, review the Audio/Visual/Lighting (AVL) plan and budget, discuss furnishing/furniture/equipment (FFE) ideas, review numerous cost saving options, etc. We are confident that these items will come in under 7 million, and we currently have \$6,088,909.66 on hand as we begin. All-this-to-say, the committee is excited and ready to move forward. Dirt work will begin in July.
- One item should be noted: Phase One (main building and youth building) will be built in phases. Therefore, because of our budget, we are focusing the first part of the construction on the main building (worship center, commons, children’s area, Sunday School rooms, and offices). We will still do some work in preparation for the youth building. Nevertheless, the youth building is extremely important to us, and Phase One will not be deemed completed until we building the Youth Building. The reason for phasing within Phase One is budgetary and because we are building without debt. We are prayerfully hopeful that as we begin construction, numerous cost savings will be found and our church will respond in generosity.
- We are planning a ground breaking between mid to late July and after dirt work begins. Because of COVID restrictions, this will look different than what we initially thought. Nevertheless, we are looking forward to celebrating the beginning of our process.
- Without any major delays due to weather or finances, the construction process should be 14 months.
- As the construction process begins, here are some next steps:
 - Throughout this process, we will be giving continual updates. While the past year or two of planning has been quieter in terms of information, you are about to hear a lot more about it. Also, we will be seeking your feedback on a number items along the way.
 - We need you to pray. Pray for the construction process. Pray for the safety of the workers. Pray for the members of the committee. Pray for financial provision and strategic cost savings. Most importantly, pray that God will be glorified in both the process of building and the actual building.
 - Continue or consider giving to the Faith Building Fund. We are stepping out on faith that God will provide the remaining funding as needed. Thank you to everyone who has faithfully and sacrificially given over the past years. Thank you, as well and in advance, to those who will now decide to start giving.
- We hope you are excited! We know this has been a long process, especially if you have been here since the early 2000s. While it has been a long time, it is now time to build!