

## **July 2021 Relocation Update**

### **Construction Update**

#### *Exterior*

The exterior finishes continue to get closer to completion. Right now, they are primarily focused on finishing the brick and limestone. Most of the Hardie Plank siding is now painted “Dover White.” The main exterior feature that has yet to be started – but has been ordered - is the large, illuminated cross that will be over our entrance. Hopefully, construction and installation of this will begin in August. This will be the dominant feature and symbol of our church, and we hope it provides a symbol of hope to our community and people passing through on 290. There are a few exterior items, like the entrance sign and playground, that we are preparing to make our final decisions on as we review our budget and funding.

#### *Interior*

Everything is painted and the ceiling tiles are all in place. Most of the carpet is installed, and they are about to begin the LVT flooring that will be in the commons area, hallway, and on the stage. They are beginning the stone and woodwork for the stage and baptistry. The Audio/Visual/Lighting team is completing their work. We have begun bidding on and ordering interior furnishings.

#### *Next Steps*

Many are wondering when our first Sunday will be. While we are getting done with the bulk of the construction, there are still a number of items that will take a few months to get in order. We will apply for our Certificate of Occupancy soon with the city, and there may be some things we need to address. We have some punch-list items that we will need to address with our construction company. There is some lag time on some of our interior furnishings because of backlogs in companies and the challenges of getting materials. For example, a few weeks ago we ordered our worship center seating, which will be some beautiful, comfortable, inter-locking chairs. Because of backlogs and challenges of getting materials, the chairs will not be delivered until Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. While this may feel like a frustration, there is still plenty to do in the next few months. We will hopefully provide a date for our first Sunday in the new building soon!

### *Youth Building*

We have not begun construction yet on the Youth Building. Because the Youth Building is where our teenagers will have Sunday School, we have purchased a two-room, temporary, portable building to be used for youth Sunday School (and others as needed) until the Youth Building is built. As the main building is completed and funding becomes available, we will begin the Youth Building.

### **Financial Update**

We are grateful for God's provision throughout this journey. We have never had to stop construction because of finances, and we are grateful. Thank you, once again, to everyone who has given and continues to give. As we complete the main building and fund a few more larger ticket items (playground, entrance sign, interior furnishings, etc.), we continue to be mindful that in whatever ways we steward well the final items on the main building, we provide funding for the next step in Phase One: the building of the Youth Building.

Concerning the Youth Building, we still estimate the maximum needed for this is \$750,000. The Relocation Committee is working hard, though, to research ways to reduce the cost of this building. Please continue to pray for strategic cost reductions and abundant financial provision to complete all of Phase One.

Thank you for everyone who continues to pray for and give to the completion of Phase One!

### **Pictures from July 7, 2021**







