

Rebuild-Repair-Renew



Growing God's House Newsletter

Financing update

Our loan through the NC Baptist Foundation was finalized on April 12, 2017.

Construction Update

Work continues on the new heating and air conditioning system. You may have seen the blue air handling ducts which are placed in the floor of the sanctuary. The air conditioning system in the education building should be operational at by the beginning of May.

The concrete slab forming the floor of the sanctuary will be poured this month. Once the slab is in place, the construction of the sanctuary walls will begin.

Work has begun on our new parking lot. The lot has been cleared, and you will see more site development and construction of the storm water retention pond in the next couple of months.

A Church without Walls



I've enjoyed viewing our church from an entirely new perspective during the construction process. Seeing the internal, hidden mechanical systems and support structures has been both interesting and educational. One of the most startling views has been the ability to look straight through our wall-less church. It's provided for me a lot of reflection on what it means to be a "church without walls."

The Bible tells us that there are no boundaries to the love which Christ extends to us. Romans 8:38-39 says, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Christ does not put up walls, limiting access to His presence. He is open,

Timeline of Construction Dates

Disclaimer: The dates which are given are "predicted" times for completion of certain phases of the job. These dates may change, so please utilize this as a general outline.

May 8, 2017 Moving chairs from Tabernacle to Fellowship Hall

May 14, 2017 1st church service in the fellowship hall

March - Aug 2017 Installation of the HVAC system

March - July 2017 Construction of new south parking lot

April 2017 Prep and pouring of the sanctuary slab

June - Aug 2017 Installation of sanctuary brick veneer and windows

August - October 2017 Work on interior finishes

November 2017 Projected completion of the sanctuary

receptive, available to all people no matter their circumstance.

If the church is the embodiment of Jesus and His ministry on earth, shouldn't we reflect this accessibility to the love of Christ? That's why a "church without walls" has been such a powerful metaphor for me; it's a visual reminder that from Yates the love of Christ should freely flow, unencumbered into our community. Nothing should stop or prevent us from reaching out, inviting, welcoming, accepting anyone and everyone in the family of Jesus Christ. Even as the new walls of a Yates begin to rise in next few weeks, let's carry with us the vision of our "church without walls", placing no boundaries on the work of Christ.

It's Time to Move!

With summer approaching and the warm temperatures that come with it, Yates' time in the Tabernacle draws to an end. Our Tabernacle is not air conditioned, therefore we will be moving our Sunday morning services to the Fellowship Hall. Beginning **Sunday, May 14th**, join us at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

We need volunteers to help move the chairs from the Tabernacle to the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, May 8th**. The church will be open all day, so if you have time, please stop by to lend a hand.

