

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH **CAMPUS** **ENHANCEMENT**

MAY 14 UPDATE

HAPPENING NOW

The most frequently asked question by far is, “When are we going to start?” The answer is... we already have! We are currently active in the Pre-construction Phase of the project. This phase consists of final detailing, engineering, permitting and construction pricing and scheduling.

With an eye on balancing our ministries and fall event calendar, we are targeting an early fall groundbreaking with project completion early summer of 2025. Timeline updates will be communicated as they occur.

FUNDING UPDATE

Our original plan is fully funded but the invitation remains open for covenant partners who would like to participate by emailing [Ron Britt](#) or by calling 336-723-1621 x235.

With surplus funding already received, we have amended the original plans to include the addition of a family bathroom in the Sanctuary building. The CE team continues to discuss additional improvements to our campus that are consistent with the vision of this project to be considered as funds allow.

Options include:

- Updates to the Worship Center lobby.
- Enhancements to the children’s playground to replace bark/mulch with more functional and beautiful ground cover.
- Improvements to the church offices with upgraded and new windows improving beauty, efficiency, and work environment.
- Signage updates that are not included in the original Campus Enhancement scope.
- Adding windows in the main stairwell of the Sanctuary building.

MINISTRY IMPACT

Our church staff is actively looking at how construction will impact all ministries and are developing plans to ensure the ministries of our church continue. We are also working on parking, campus storage, security, and other areas impacted by the construction and the future design of our campus. Details will come as we get closer to the start date of the Construction Phase of the project.

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JUNE 27 UPDATE

LATEST UPDATES

The Campus Enhancement Team, working with our partners from Workplace A+D and BLUM Construction, has been busy with critical tasks needed to finalize our budget and keep us on track for an early Fall start! Since mid-May:

- A site survey of our campus has been completed which, among other things, identifies for the construction team setbacks, property lines, and underground utilities.
- Interior finish options have been selected for the new gallery entrance, hallway leading to the narthex, and the fellowship hall. Optional finish materials for the flooring and cabinetry were selected that balanced durability, aesthetics, and cost. These options will be narrowed down over the coming weeks as the total final costing is completed.
- The site plan for our parking lots, sidewalks, greenspace, and a courtyard between the Sanctuary (A) and the Office/Youth (B) buildings has been finalized with help from Stimmel & Associates, a Winston Salem-based civil engineering firm.
- For the courtyard, we have started evaluating options for the ground surface (e.g., pavers) and related features.
- The church staff has made significant progress in reorganizing impacted areas of the church to make way for construction to begin.

NEXT STEPS

- Over the next 4-6 weeks, we expect to:
- Finalize a large percentage of interior and exterior finish options which will inform a more definitive total project cost.
- Finalize and communicate a more precise start date and high-level sequence of construction.
- Make progress in furniture selection for the fellowship hall.
- Finalize a safety plan for parking and pedestrian flow on campus.
- Communicate impact on fall programming and ministries.

GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION

God has been present and faithful throughout this process and before we start seeing walls fall, pavement moved, and our alley converted to a courtyard, we want to come together as a church family to pray, give thanks, hear from the CE team, and celebrate together. Please mark Sunday, August 25 at 9:30 a.m. for a groundbreaking celebration to acknowledge this exciting time in our church history. More details to follow!

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DECEMBER 12, 2024 UPDATE

Campus Enhancement Commitment Goal Has Been Reached!

As announced in the congregational meeting on October 6, our commitment goal for the CE project has been reached! Thank you to everyone who has generously given to make this vision a reality. We continue to give glory to God for providing vision, gifted professionals who know how to design, collaborate, and build, and financial resources to invest in the place where we build community and worship. Let's "make room" for others to join us!

Construction Update

Over the last 60 days, our construction team has been focused on the last two tasks that need completion prior to commencement of construction.

We have been working with the City of Winston-Salem on a couple final review items. We are very close to having full sign off and anticipate having this before Christmas. With this approval, all permitting requirements will have been met and legally, construction may begin.

The final pre-construction task is to reconcile and document a few mechanical changes that were needed to meet both our design objectives and our budget. Paul Meyer and his team at Workplace A+D and the Blum team are very close to putting the finishing touches on these changes upon which, we will sign the contract and construction will begin.

Obviously, the start of construction has extended beyond our anticipated start date. The good news is we are almost there. We cannot definitively state a start or completion date, but we can all be praying for completion by Labor Day, 2025.

Thank You

Thanks to many of our covenant partners, Workplace A+D, and Blum Construction who continue to work diligently on this project and thanks to all covenant partners for your patience as we excitedly anticipate the start (and finish!) of construction. Working through these final pre-construction tasks has taken longer than we had hoped, but we continue the work with full trust in God's provision and guidance and focus on making the original vision a reality. Thank you for putting your trust in the CE Team.

The Campus Enhancement Team

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