

Up on the Boulevard, Up Goes the Roof, Up for starting the Church Foundations

It's a great day for "Ups"! Up on the Spirit Boulevard finally happened on May 22, 2009. It didn't come easy, coordinating the Smallhouse roadway improvements, force main sewer, Gas, water, power, cable and telephone utilities. It makes me tired just thinking about what was accomplished over the past three months. The temporary construction entrance that was also the entrance to the horse farm has now been removed, as well as the driveway to the house. We are now prepared to abandon the easement with the Free Will Baptist Church that provided access to Parkside. We are now 100% on our own property. The Spirit Boulevard is now our one and only entrance to Parkside. The driveway to the house (rectory) is now located off the Spirit Boulevard close to barn. As you turn onto Spirit Boulevard from Smallhouse road you should immediately become aware that you are entering a special place. The contours of the new topography have been designed to start that transitional feeling as you approach the Church from across the new front lawn driving down and around and then over to parking areas located on either side of Spirit I and II. Although Parkside is still just rough graded, with out the benefit of landscaping, fencing, lighting and paving, that are planned to completed this fall, one can start to see and feel the experience that the new Spirit Boulevard entrance is meant to provide.

Up goes the roof. Light gauge steel roof trusses fabricated and installed by Grayhawk from Lexington began work on May 13th. All roof truss work should complete in the next two weeks. Right after Memorial Day plywood roof sheeting is planned to begin. Following the roof trusses interior room partitions will immediately begin in support of plumbing and electrical rough in work. Brickwork is also scheduled to start that week. The Geo thermal well field has completed drilling all 49 wells at a depth of 360 feet. We were very fortunate to have a well field that encountered no caves, voids, excessive water or other unexpected situations. The Lord has provided us with a very good spot. Interconnecting piping from the wells will now proceed to complete the well field in the next couple of weeks. Off site, the Lyons Company is fabricating hydronic piping and ductwork for the building HVAC system. Our next major goal is be dried-in, ready to start drywall and interior room finishes by late July. Details of our move to Parkside will also start to be developed during July.

Are you Up for starting the Church foundations? We are! Scott & Murphy have been awarded the concrete work for the Church and should start work in early June. Their bid was very competitive and well below our budget. BCDM our architect is scheduled to have the church design completed by the end of June. We will then go out for bids for the rest of the Church work. It is our intent to have the Church essentially dried-in this year. Father will be offering blessings for the building of the Church on June 28th. Please plan to attend that Sunday at Parkside starting at 2:00pm and tour the construction work in progress.