

## Forward Together Update – July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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### Good Morning Church Family,

I am excited to give you an update on Forward Together...

### Where Are We?

Our building contract with Grace Construction has been signed and a commitment letter from First Community Bank has been received! These are exciting steps in the process and allow us to continue moving forward at a good pace. Our building designs have been submitted to Lexington County for permits and we are awaiting those so that we can begin construction.

### What's Next?

We will have a preconstruction meeting with Grace in the next two weeks where timelines, details, and logistics will be finalized for the construction phase of the project. A groundbreaking celebration will take place shortly before construction begins and a date will be announced soon. We anticipate that we will need to relocate Sunday morning worship services to the Student Center sometime in early 2027. Our staff is working diligently to create a plan for this transition, and we will communicate all the details once they are finalized.

### What We Need From You...

1. **Be Prayerful** – Continue to pray for Forward Together as we transition to the construction phase of the project. In order to unite together in prayer, we are planning a **Prayer & Pelican's Night on Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.** This will be a family-friendly night for everyone to pray and enjoy a Pelican's Sno-Cone afterwards!
2. **Be Flexible** – We anticipate several changes that will need to be made as early as this fall to accommodate the construction phase of the project. Please be flexible and willing to sacrifice comfort and preference so that we can make more room for more people to hear the life transforming message of the Gospel!
3. **Be Generous** – It is not too late to pledge and never too late to give. If you filled out a pledge card, please make sure your initial and on-going giving has been set up. If you have not yet given and would like to be involved, [click here](#) for more information about how to give!

This is an exciting season for our church as we begin to see designs and drawings become reality. As we move forward, let's continue to stay focused on seeing every life transformed by the power and hope of the Gospel!

In Christ,

David Bennett

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