

Forward Together Update – August 2026

Dear Church Family,

We are about to enter an exciting phase of our Forward Together initiative! Here are some updates on where we are, what's next, and what we need from you...

Where Are We?

We have received almost all our building permits and anticipate the last one to arrive within the next week. At the end of July, we held a preconstruction meeting with Grace Construction and members of our staff to discuss the details of the construction process and the ways it will impact our campus and ministry.

IMPORTANT: Beginning late next week, temporary fencing will be installed directly behind the Worship Center. We do not anticipate this initial phase of setup having a significant impact on ministry activities across our campus. However, the fencing will prevent vehicles from driving on the road between the Worship Center and Student Center.

What's Next?

At the end of August and beginning of September, construction will begin! We have asked that contractors and workers use the back right parking lot, behind the Adult Education Building to park and transport supplies. This location will have the least impact on Lake Murray Baptist Kindergarten and weekly ministry activities. We will all need to be flexible and considerate of the added traffic and work that will be happening on our campus. Remember, temporary inconveniences are an investment into the future of our church!

One of the most common questions is how construction will impact our ministry and, specifically, Sunday worship services beginning in January 2027. We are actively working on the plan for worship in the Student Center and will be ready to introduce that plan later this fall.

What We Need From You...

Mark Your Calendar –

- **Forward Together Prayer & Pelicans Night** – Wednesday, August 26th at 6:30pm we will gather for a time to pray and enjoy Pelicans Sno-Cones! This will be a fun and interactive night designed for *every age group*. Families are encouraged to attend as we pray and fellowship together.
- **Forward Together Groundbreaking Celebration** – On Sunday August 30th, directly following the second service we will gather on the back lawn, behind the Worship Center and celebrate the beginning of construction. *Everyone* is encouraged to attend this significant moment as we celebrate what God has done and anticipate what He will do in

the future. The celebration will last around 30 minutes, chairs will be provided for our seniors, and drinks and light refreshments will be available for everyone!

Continue To Give – Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to Forward Together. We are in a good position financially as we begin construction, however there is always a need for your sacrificial gifts. Below you will see an update on where we are and a link to give.

Financial Update (As of 7/31/26):

- Estimated Total Cost: \$5,200,000
- Pledged: \$2,462,020
- Received on Pledges: \$709,507
- Received on Non-Pledges: \$59,605
- Total Received: \$769,112

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Praise God for His goodness and faithfulness to our church as we seek to see every life transformed by the power and hope of the Gospel!

In Christ,
David Bennett
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