Forward Together Update – October 25th, 2026

Good Morning, Church Family!

I am thrilled to share with you that **we have officially surpassed an incredible milestone of $1,000,000 in giving to Forward Together!** Thank you for your faithfulness, generosity, and sacrificial giving. Because of your commitment, we are moving closer to making more room for more people to hear the life-transforming message of the Gospel. God is at work, and you are playing a vital part in what He is doing through Lake Murray Baptist Church!

If you've been on campus recently, you've probably noticed that dirt is moving! Construction has officially begun, and preparations are underway for the foundation of our expansion. We are currently on schedule and are praying for continued progress and minimal delays as we approach the winter months. It is exciting to see the vision of Forward Together becoming a reality. As construction progresses, we are also preparing for our transition to Sunday morning worship in the Student Center. While there are many logistical details involved in this transition , our greatest need isn't a building, equipment, or resources. **Our greatest need is people who are willing to serve!**

At Lake Murray, SERVE is one of the four marks of a disciple. To make this transition successful and to continue creating welcoming, engaging environments for every generation, we need additional volunteers in the following areas:

- **Guest Services** (Greeters, Parking Lot, Hospitality) – 40 Volunteers Needed
- **Kids Ministry** (Preschool & Elementary) – 13 Volunteers Needed
- **Tweens** (5th & 6th Grade) – 4 Volunteers Needed
- **Student Ministry** (7th–12th Grade) – 8 Volunteers Needed

That's 65 opportunities to make a difference! If you are not currently serving in a ministry area, I'm asking you to take your next step and sign up today! Once you sign up, a member of our staff will contact you with next steps.

CLICK HERE TO SERVE!

Important Dates to Remember:

November 11 & 18 | 6:30–7:30 PM
Forward Together Work Nights

Everyone is invited to help prepare our facilities for the upcoming transition! These work nights are a great opportunity for individuals and families to serve together as we get ready for this exciting new season.

December 20 & 27 and January 3 & 10
No Connect Groups

To allow time to prepare our facilities and discipleship environments for the transition, we will not have Connect Groups for Elementary, Tweens, Students, or Adults on these Sundays.

January 17 | Our First Sunday Worshiping in the Student Center!

Mark your calendars! This will be an exciting time as we begin worshiping together in the Student Center during the next phase of construction.

Church family, I could not be more encouraged by what God is doing through Forward Together. Pray for our construction process, for the volunteers we need, and most importantly, for the lives that will be changed because of what God is doing through our church. Forward Together is about so much more than expanding a building. It's about making room so that more people can be transformed by the power and hope of the Gospel! Thank you for giving generously, serving faithfully, and believing in the mission God has given us. **Let's keep moving Forward Together!**

In Christ,

David Bennett

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