



FAITH MISSION



the
Osborne
family

Fall 2023

Faith Church Growing

The past two years have been rebounding years after the covid difficulties. We've gained an average of 15 more people in attendance within that time period, getting close to 50 weekly and had four saved in 2023 with one of those baptized so far. It is clear that the Lord is working in the hearts of those in our mission work as we strive to build a group of people on the Word of God and Jesus as their Rock for growth. Hence, our 2024 theme is "Building on the Rock." It is also a play on words with Phase One of our building project.

Phase 1 Begins

2023 has been a year of preparation. It's been a long time coming to start, but we are there! By God's grace, we started Phase One, which is the earth moving phase. It involves everything that the site plan engineer prepared for us to build, including the entrance and exit, upper and lower parking lots, septic system, digging and leveling for the church building, and soil erosion ponds, trenches, and culverts. Pray for the weather conditions to be sufficient for us to complete Phase One by February 16. Financially, the costs of permits, site plans, building plans and other such pre-construction necessities accumulated to over \$60,000. We hope that we can keep Phase One down to another \$75,000. That would leave us with about \$165,000 for Phase Two and Phase Three in our 3-Phase building plan.



Needed Help

The first effort to raise money for our church building began in 2020 when the cost of materials were much less. When the materials spiked we decided to keep the effort to raise \$300,000 and then re-evaluate when the time was needed. Now is the time. There is no doubt that we will need another \$200,000 to finish the project, maybe more, yet the estimated value is around \$1.3 million. We should be able to build it for less than half it's value because we are doing the majority of it ourselves! Our supporters and church members have pulled together to reach the first \$300,000. Now we need the



remaining \$200,000 in order for us to complete the project. Will you consider what you can do it 2024 to help us move into our new church building debt free?

Here's a note from last newsletter: "We will have a general contractor to oversee the project but the majority of the work will be done by the Faith Church family along with many supporters and friends of this mission work. It is hard to come up with set dates for each step of construction so I have been encouraging folks to join the Facebook group I made called "Faith Mission in Wytheville Supporters." This will be an up to date informational page that keeps people informed of the progress, let's prayer warriors know how to pray, and allows construction workers know how they can help. There are many things you can help with, so I'll give you a list to consider for the future:

- Footers will be poured once we meet with the precast wall company - approx. end of Feb/beginning of Mar.
- After footers are approved, a precast wall company will set the basement and we will immediately began setting the floor trusses and pour the basement floor. - approx. April
- Once floor trusses are completed, we will frame the top floor and then do the roofing trusses and roof to put everything "under roof." - approx. May
- At this point, everything else can be completed at the appropriate times.

Again, we will keep everyone updated on how you can help through Facebook

To Honor our Lord, The Osborne Family

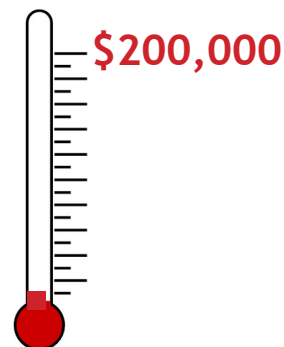
BUILDING FUND GOAL (100%)

**Left to raise to reach 100%=
\$200,000**

\$10,000 X 20 givers = \$200,000

\$1,000 X 200 givers = \$200,000

\$500 X 400 givers = \$200,000



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