

# *“Building for a Better Future”*

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## **What’s All the Noise About??**

Ask our neighbors – there has been a lot of construction activity going on over the last several weeks. \*\*Underground water, sewer and storm drainage lines have been installed. \*\*The basement wall has gone up and slab floor completed. \*\*Cedar Creek is looking better with blackberry bushes gone replaced with new grass and fencing. \*\*Finally, the concrete and asphalt rubble pile has been chewed up into reusable gravel needed for backfilling.

## **What’s Next?**

Backfilling – against the basement wall – will take place in the upper level sanctuary area. Footings then will be completed and the floor slab poured. Three-story wall panels will also be framed in preparation for their “tilt-up” in December.

As always, keep in mind that the number of parking spaces and traffic patterns will change as construction progresses. On the weekends, we will have parking attendants and shuttle movers strategically located to help you through the construction maze and get you to and from the front doors.

## **“On Schedule” and “On Budget”**

1. **Demolition: June 08 – July 08**
2. **Sitework: July 08 – May 09**
3. **New Building Shell: July 08 – May 09**
4. **Plaza: October 08 – May 09**
5. **Existing Building Improvements: October 08 – May 09**
6. **New Building Interior Improvements: March 09 – June 09**
7. **Building Commissioning: July 09 – August 09**
8. **Doors Open: September 09**

## **What Are We Building?**

A “**Worship Center**” with three floors totaling 43,695 square feet:

- ❑ **Lower Level** with nursery and toddler care rooms and 3 multi-use classrooms;
- ❑ **Main Floor** including a sanctuary with 800-1000 seats, baptismal, 2 multi-use classrooms, an expandable lobby and lounge area with nearby coffee/tea bar and fireplace; and a
- ❑ **3rd Floor** with over 10,000 square feet of unfinished expansion area for a **future** 300-seat balcony and additional classrooms.

There will also be an outdoor **Plaza** area and restored Cedar Creek with new landscaping, covered walkways, water features and several sitting areas.

**Questions?** Please contact Dale Himes, Project Manager (503-804-8911), Scott Moore, Business and Facilities Administrator (503-643-6511), or any Staff and Elder Board member including Ron Henricksen, Scott Pélot, Mathew Abraham, Dan Crawford, Brian Forbes, Wayne Hart, Sean Kim, Chong Lee, Scott Robinson, Doug Sauvageau, Wes Sealand and Tom Smith. Also, see [www.vbconline.org](http://www.vbconline.org) and [www.radicalconnections.org](http://www.radicalconnections.org) for webcam and pictures of construction activity and Weekly Prayer Reminders.