

## MINISTRY CENTER UPDATE

### **RAIN!**

#### *Wet Spring Slows Work on the Ministry Center*

Rain! That has been on the minds of everyone associated with the construction of Westmore's new ministry center. July was extremely wet, which slowed progress on site preparation. This pushed back the ability to make the pad for the building "on grade," which then impacted the pouring of footings. While the delays are not catastrophic, they are unfortunate as every day lost costs time and money.

Cason Conn, the representative of Westmore's General Contractor, Tri-Con, stated that the weather did not delay delivery of the steel, however, and as long as footings are soon there should be no significant delay. "Of course, this is contingent on us getting some dry days," he said. "We don't want to have steel on the ground and have to wait because the site is not ready."

In addition to the weather, the crew preparing the site also hit some "bad dirt," meaning dirt that is unsuitable for building. This created the need to bring in some additional dirt, which also cost time and money.

"The fact is that even with these 'speed bumps' we are still on target for timely completion of the ministry center. The building pad is now on grade and footings are being poured," said Executive Pastor Mark McCord. "We are ready to see steel rising in the air."

The pouring of the foundation will include the placement of hundreds of notes and well-wishes from the Westmore congregation and local, country, and state government officials who participated in the Foundations Event that was held on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

"Let's just stay dry for a few days," one of the ministry center site workers said, "and we'll be okay." One thing we know for sure...we will be okay regardless of the weather, because God has got this!

### **FINAL BUDGET NUMBERS ARE IN!**

#### *Value Engineering Ongoing to Reduce Costs*

All bids are in and the final construction cost for the new ministry center are in and value engineering is taking place to ensure the budget is in line with projections.

"Pencils are sharpened and the construction team is working diligently to maximize every dollar," said Lead Pastor Kelvin Page. "We meeting daily to find areas where we can reduce costs and maximize efficiency."

The construction team will monitor each aspect of the construction closely to ensure no unpleasant surprises later on. "Construction always includes the management of problems," says Mark McCord, "but we have the team in place that can address them."

## B4TG CAMPAIGN PLEDGES ROLL IN

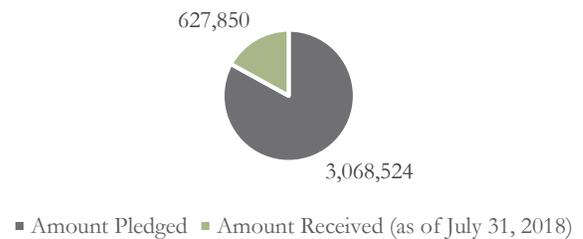
### *The Westmore Family Supports Ministry Expansion*

The Westmore family continues to support construction of the ministry center through payments on pledges made through the B4TG campaign. This three-year campaign focuses on expanding Westmore's ministry locally, regionally, nationally and internationally using an inter-generational model that honors its past while focusing on the future. As of July 31, 20.5% of the pledges made during the campaign have been received, for a total of \$627,850. This is a major step in generating momentum as the church moves into the ministry' center's construction phase.

Lead Pastor Kelvin Page is appreciative of the commitment made by the Westmore family. "When we kicked off the B4TG campaign, some said that

raising \$3 million dollars was impossible. Using conventional wisdom, this was a logical conclusion, but then God showed up, as He has done down through Westmore's history."

#### Amount Pledged Vs. Amount Received to Date



## SOMETHING CHANGED!

There are a lot of changes happening at the site for the new ministry center. Check out the pictures below from June 29<sup>th</sup> (left) and July 18<sup>th</sup> (right). We will share more pictures soon!



The construction site continues to evolve and soon the footings will be poured for the foundation. This was slightly delayed because of rain, but work is being done to make up the time. Also, check out drone footage from Bill Branning at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yphu IDN 4 4>.

### CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

- Early August: Pouring of Footings/Foundation
- Early August: First Steel Structure Arrives
- Late August: First Steel Structure Put in Place