



Is Your Building Program Delayed?

Delayed Project Gains Momentum

I recently ran into a church that had been in a building program for several years. The pastor told me that the first year of the building program went well. It was spent in (1) developing a design for new facilities on a new piece of property, (2) getting congregational approval, and (3) putting their existing facilities up for sale. The pastor said moving on with the relocation project was dependent on the sale of the existing facility for \$1.5 million.

At 500 average worship attendance in 2 worship services every Sunday, the existing facility had reached its capacity. The church had quit growing for the past 5 years, no progress was being made toward completing the building program, and the pastor was frustrated. He asked for our advice and counsel.

I asked him how often updates about the building program was brought up to the congregation. He said absolutely nothing had been brought up for the past 3 years because of no progress on the sale of the existing facility. I then asked him how much money the church had raised toward building the new facility. He said not very much.

I suggested to the Pastor the following be implemented:

1. Communicate something to the congregation at least once a month about the building program and what's holding up the progress on relocating. With an average worship service of 500 people that makes 300 plus adults potentially telling other people about the church being up for sale. This could lead to a sale of the existing facilities.

Also, no communication about the building program at all for the past 3 years gives the congregation the indication that the pastor and the leadership have given up on the building program as well as given up on growing the church.

2. Conduct a 3-year pledging program right away. If the pastor had conducted a funding program right after the congregation had approved the design of the new facilities, he would have already raised the \$1.5 million he expected from the sale of the existing property. This would give the pastor more options of what to do with the existing building until it sold, such as

leasing on a monthly basis until sold or leasing with the option to buy.

3. Put the church building program on the weekly or monthly prayer list. Prayer is a powerful tool in letting people know the importance of building a ministry tool that will be utilized in winning souls and building God's Kingdom.

Give us a call today to see how we can help you if your church building program is being held up for any reason. We can help you turn the seemingly impossible situation into a reality. Call one of our church facility planners for a no cost, no obligation on-site or on-line meeting. We can also be reached at jgillikin@myler.com.



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