



Facility Stewardship Today

“Improving church health through Facility Stewardship”

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Contractor Bridges is the theme for this 8th installment of Facility Stewardship Today—a newsletter about “Improving church health through Facility Stewardship.”

For His Service & Yours,

Praise & Tour, Prayers & Thanks

The future home for NorthBridge Church was “Under Construction” (see Spring, 2016 Facility Stewardship Today Newsletter). As the construction process entered the home stretch, everyone was itching to get a look inside! Therefore, on August 14, the church held a Facility Tour & Prayer Night. Since we did not yet have our occupancy permit, we met outside in the parking lot for a brief time of praise and reflection on the journey thus far.



Next, everyone was able to take a brief tour the facility. The tours concluded in the auditorium, where people had the opportunity to reflect, pray, and write Bible verses or prayers on the concrete floor base. This view looks towards the future platform area. Notice the yet-to-be-installed baptistry tank.



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Verse for Today (vft):

“Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. . . To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.” (1 Corinthians 9:19,22-23—NIV 84).

Ministry Encouragement:

Pastor Robert Lewis challenges us to become “The Church of Irresistible Influence” by building **bridges**. He calls us to imagine the influence of a church that built bridges to numerous groups around a local church. I’d like to add another group: *Can you imagine the impact of a church that showed simple gestures of appreciation to the contractors who built their facility?* (see Robert Lewis, [The Church of Irresistible Influence](#), pages 13-14)

Link Highlight:

The Building Program for NorthBridge Church is called, Mission 173. From this link you can access overall information about the Capital Campaign and pictures during Construction.

<http://northbridgechurch.org/m173>

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Praise & Tour, Prayers & Thanks (continued)

These pictures represent the scores of Bible verses and prayers that are permanently written underneath the final floor of the auditorium:

jeremiah 29:11
we look forward
to the journey
and the great
plans ahead
of us!!!

"On arriving there, they gathered the church
together and reported all that God had done
through them and how he had opened a door
of faith."
- Acts 14:27
May this place be a lighthouse, a shelter,
and a launching pad for God's use.

Lord,
May this space
be used for Your
Glory and Honor!

Jeremiah 29:11
Philippians 4:13

In addition, the church wanted to build bridges to connect with those who were working so hard to construct the new facility. So, in the lobby space people created a giant "Thank You Card" with all kinds of expressions of thanksgiving and continued prayers of protection during the construction process. This group of contractors gives a "Thumbs up" upon coming to work and seeing the floor:

