



THE GROW
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Christmas and Construction

What do Christmas and construction have to do with each other?

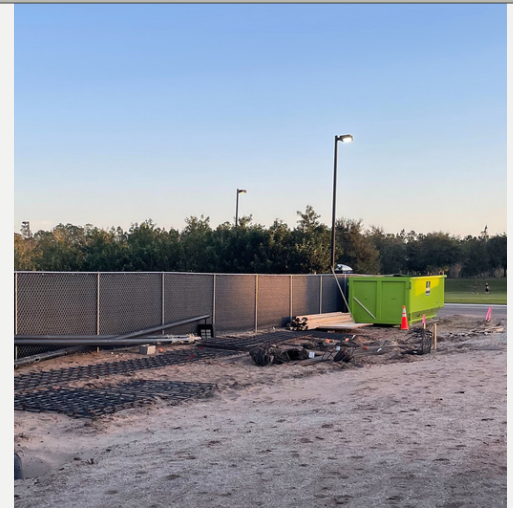
At Christmas we celebrate this stunning reality: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us..." (John 1:14). God himself came to us. He took up residence where we are, lived among us perfectly, died for us, and rose so that we might have eternal life with him.

And now, because of that reality, we are called to go in a very similar way. In the same way that God came to us, we are called to go to the lost and live among them, and share the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. In a small way, we reflect what God did at Christmas when we go to where lost people are, live among them, and call them to Christ.

That Christmas reality is what motivates our ministry. And it's also what motivates our construction. All the concrete poured, all the beams put up, and all walls painted are not simply progress on a construction project. It is a statement to our community that we have come to live among them and proclaim this good news of Jesus Christ.

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Year-End Growth in Attendance, Giving, and Construction Progress

There are several ways our church is growing that I want to share with you as we come to the end of the year.



First, our church has grown in giving to the Grow Campaign. On Giving Tuesday, both our Downtown and Nocatee campuses raised over \$34,000 toward our expansion.

Second, our church has grown in attendance during the Grow Campaign. Our church now averages over 400 people worshipping with us on Sunday mornings, and we have welcomed 18 new members in just the months of October and November!



Third, our church is growing in progress in the construction project. This week, concrete work begins on our building expansion, and plumbing, electric, and foundation work will be completed over the next 3 weeks.

There are more exciting updates ahead as we look to the new year. By God's grace, 2023 will be the year we cut the ribbon on a brand-new ministry space. I am particularly excited to give you a sneak peek into our building expansion through a virtual walk-thru video that we will show our congregation in January. Stay tuned!

How to Pray:

This month I want to ask you to pray particularly for the pledges we need to close the gap on our 6.95-million-dollar goal. As of today, we have remained at 4.2 million pledged from our campus, and I want to ask that you begin to regularly pray individually and with your families that God provide the additional pledges needed for this project. I know he can do this because he has already led so many of you to generously pledge to this project. I can't wait to see how he provides for us.

What an incredible gift we have received to serve Jesus at the Nocatee Campus during these days. It is my joy to serve you during this season.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Spencer

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Spencer".

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