



RING*the*BELL UPDATE

Construction continues on our new parking lot after some challenging weather events. Parking lot construction is much like what you experience when building a house. The start of the project moves very fast with noticeable changes but when the interior work begins everything seems to slow to a crawl. We are definitely in that period of time where things are moving slowly. A significant amount of work has gone into making sure we are working with a solid foundation to lay the asphalt on. The curbs are being poured and we are moving quickly towards being able to lay asphalt. We must wait until our nights are warmer to put in the asphalt but that seems to be approaching quickly.

As a side project we are looking at applying asphalt millings to the parking lot serving our church offices and the

fellowship hall kitchen. This area was torn up during the Refurbishment project when we had to replace gas, water and sewer lines that run through the lot. We held off making any permanent repairs to that lot at that time as we were not sure how that area would be impacted by the future building program. We are currently getting cost estimates for the work to be performed and we believe the approach we are taking will entail minimal costs. We will be presenting our proposal to Church Council at their next meeting.

The Ring the Bell team will be meeting soon to complete a couple tasks on their list and the building team will then be recommending to council and the congregation a capital budget for the next phase of the project.

The news has been having several stories about the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic and the shutdown we experienced the week after our Celebration Service for our capital campaign. On that day we did not have any idea what was ahead of us and how it would delay our project, but we have complete faith that it will occur in God's Time and on His Schedule.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or any member of the building team.

Blessings,

Ray Walther



The drawing below is an architectural rendering of the parking lot and how it will be incorporated with our overall building plan.

The congregation celebrated ground-breaking of our new parking lot on January 7, 2021. Because of all of the concerns surrounding COVID the ceremony was kept small, but it can be viewed in the online January 10th church service.

