

WILL WE EVER BE DONE AROUND HERE?

That's what I suspect some might be thinking after our last men's meeting. Some might have been looking forward to the day when this building is finally "finished" and we can just sit back and "worship." After the men's meeting and the elders/deacons meeting it just doesn't seem to be working out that way. :-)

One new exterior feature you should soon see going up will be an outbuilding for the lawn mower. More acreage and a worn out Snapper dictated a larger mower and a more secure place to house it than the shed presently outside (from which a previous mower was stolen). Don't be surprised men, to get a call for help in building that outbuilding one weekend soon. Tim Watson's overseeing that.

Another new interior feature being considered is one that we've spoken of for about two years now and purposely put off until we got into the new building where we would be better set up for it. I'm speaking of cameras in the auditorium set up for recording lessons. We have a number of people knowledgeable in that field, we've talked about using the medium of video, and we have a break in our budget that came from leasing our new copier instead of buying it. That budgeted amount will just about cover the expense of setting up this effort.

We hope to be able to videotape lessons (with visual presentations) for such things as 1) building video correspondence courses, 2) video tracts to give out, 3) taping special topical studies, 4) training tapes for worship leaders, and 5) taping lessons for sick and shut-ins. Additionally, we would be able to record baptisms, critique interns, and record "junior's" first short talk. We have also been planning to use the duplicating equipment to reproduce a short introductory video for the church here that we can give to our guests. Although entering the field of video may surprise many of our newer members, it is something that we have been considering here for quite a while and we're glad to be able to be in the final stages of that consideration. Ideas and other considerations on this subject will certainly be welcomed by the elders.

So, to answer the question in the beginning... "will we ever be done around here?" NO! As long as the Lord keeps opening doors for us and blessing this family, it is our plan to keep going through them. As new opportunities and efforts present themselves we hope to take hold of them and use them to glorify Jesus Christ. In the coming months, we hope to be able to lay a vision before this spiritual family that includes paths to maturity, encouraging spiritual leadership, evangelistic outreach, and a continued focus on spiritual health that runs from the individual, through each home represented here, to the whole congregation under the leadership of our Lord. We're not planning to ever be done.

Let me represent the eldership to you in commendation for the spirit of unity and peace and work that has marked the church here in Brownsburg for a number of years. Let me encourage you also to continue to make those things dedicated habits of life. Whether its yard work, building a garage, developing a teaching program, or reaching out to the lost – stretch yourself and get involved. Be thankful, encouraging, and positive.

After all, hasn't the Lord already shown His care? He is leading on. Shall we not follow? We're just beginning and you're not going to want to miss out on the ride.

Carl McMurray