



Getting Started

“I just don’t know where to begin...” That’s an honest admission and it is also a very good place to start. Pastors often find it difficult to admit they need help since they are usually the one in the problem-solving, advice-offering role day in and day out. So in order for a project to really take off, the pastor usually has to come to a point where he admits to himself that he has limitations of time, experience, and training in real estate, finance, architecture, engineering, construction, and more. By calling in experts, the pastor relieves himself of a great burden and multiplies his effectiveness to lead in the truest sense. The pastor can coach and inspire while his team of experts push down the field toward the goal.

The second important step in getting off to a good start is to work with people that you can trust. It’s often been said that ‘getting answers is easy, it’s knowing the right questions to ask that is the hard part’. Experts have the benefit of experience, (hopefully they’ve learned from the mistakes of others), and they should draw on that experience to keep the church out of trouble. However, an unscrupulous builder may have learned over the years a hundred ways to take advantage of church clients. Church design and construction involves complex issues and risks, so it is imperative that the church works with a design/build team it can trust.

Often the best first step is admitting that we need help... and the best kind of help is professional help from people we can trust.

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