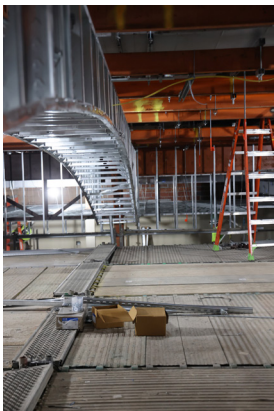




# FAITHFUL TOGETHER

## UPDATE

By **Steve McCord**, Chair of the Sanctuary Renovation Team  
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Progress is being made on the arched ceiling.

The renovation of Dawson's Sanctuary continues on schedule so that we will be able to move into the Sanctuary this coming fall. The contractor has progressed from demolition to new construction, and construction is about 50% complete. Much of the work has been in and above the ceiling of the Sanctuary to add electrical, HVAC, sprinklers, and other infrastructure. The Sanctuary is full of scaffolding to create a floor to allow workers to easily access the ceiling and attic. It is anticipated that the removal of scaffolding will start in mid-February.

Window replacement has started. The foundation for the new east and west stairs has been placed, with new stair installation set to start within the next three weeks. The structure of the elevator tower is complete, and exterior walls are being placed. Exterior repair and painting have started. Basement level sprinkler systems are complete. Structural modifications to the Sanctuary slab are finished.

Because additional savings have been generated by our contractor, a handicapped ramp will be added to the west side of the

Sanctuary building to greatly improve access to the Sanctuary for those with limited mobility. Because of your faithful giving, we are able to use contingency funds built into the cost of the project to pay for a larger elevator with access to the lower level, a new hot water HVAC system, and other enhancements to the project.

In response to the Faithful Together campaign, Dawson members committed to give \$18 million, which will pay for the majority of the cost of construction. As of December 31, 2025, \$5.7 million of that has already been given. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to fulfill your commitments!

Because commitments will be fulfilled over a five-year period and construction requires only about 14 to 16 months, a loan was secured from Regions Bank so that we could pay the contractor while giving continues. Earlier giving minimizes the cost of interest we will pay on that loan.

We are blessed that there have been no work-related accidents on the construction site. Please pray for God to continue to keep all of the workers safe.



There is still much work to be done, but the choir platform is taking shape.



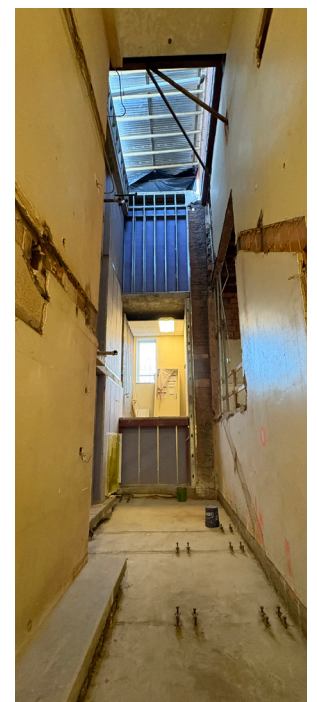
All of the HVAC and electrical work in the rafters have been completed.

God has been especially good to the Dawson family throughout the planning for the renovation and now during construction. As we look forward with great anticipation to worshipping in the

new Sanctuary, pray that God will use this space to help us all become and help others become faithful servants of Jesus Christ. To God be the glory, great things He has done, and will continue to do.



The new elevator tower.



The corridor space between Arendall and the Sanctuary.