

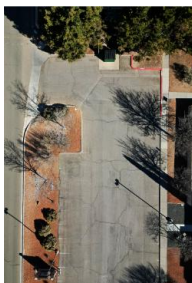


**Capital News**  
**Capital Campaign Committee**  
**April 22, 2024**

**Caring for God's House - Together**

**Our next project**

**News from the Capital Campaign**



**It's about the Parking Lot!**

**(see the cracks)**



a new parking lot and lighting,

Two of our original five projects: roof and HVAC, are DONE!

The next most critical: the parking lot, is being funded. We are approximately half way in having the funds and working to get it completed before the end of summer.

From Pastor Kathy- Last August I sat down with Mike Bushma of the Project Management Team to get the low down on the new roof and HVAC projects of the Capital Campaign. Well, now that those are done, we are looking to

### **Why are we putting in a whole new parking lot? Couldn't we do something different?**

This parking lot has been top coated once before, and if we did another top coating, it would not take care of the deep and wide cracks in the asphalt. It would also make the curbs shorter. You may have noticed that the parking lot at Daniels Funeral was recently sealed- if we did that, all it would do is make it black. It would not change any of the structural and safety issues in the parking lot. One contractor said that he wouldn't take the job if we only did the stop-gap measures. The parking lot is disintegrating. It is why we have so much gravel on it when we walk. The asphalt itself is wearing away. Any other approach would not address the problems we are facing.

### **What is involved in what we will be doing?**

They will be tearing up the old asphalt and taking it away. Then they will be doing "subgrade preparation", which is compacting the dirt underneath to make a solid foundation. Then there will be laying the new asphalt. The asphalt we will be using is for parking lots. It will then be rolled for a smooth and safe surface. The lines and markings will then be added.

### **Is there anything else that is part of the project?**

We will be upgrading our parking lot lights to LED lights. This involves putting in new fixtures. These are more energy efficient and will last longer, so that the bulbs will not have to be changed.

### **How long will this project take once work begins?**

It is hoped that it can be done in a week (weather permitting). It is also hoped that we will do one half of the parking lot and then the other so that the building is still accessible during this time.

### **How much will this cost?**

The initial estimates have come in around \$100-120,000. But that was awhile back, and asphalt is very dependent on the price of oil, so prices can fluctuate quite a bit and frequently. We will not get firm bids until we are able to fully fund it, since the cost can change so easily.

### **Can this work only be done at certain times of year?**

In New Mexico it is possible to do this pretty much year round. There may be a week here and there when it wouldn't be good to lay asphalt but mostly the job can be done anytime.

### **Why is this our next project, and not the stucco?**

It has to do with safety. The Project Management Team put a priority on safety and right now our parking lot is not as safe as it could be with all the cracks and bumps and loose gravel. Plus the cost of the stucco would not be that much less than the

parking lot (it was estimated last August at over \$80,000).

Each time I have one of these conversations, I am grateful that RRPC is blessed with people who have the knowledge and understanding to take on these tasks and do them well on our behalf. Many thanks to Mike Bushma and the PMT!

**Blessings,  
Pastor Kathy**

Pastor Kathy and the Capital Campaign Committee -- Betty, Elaine, Leah, Pat, Denise, Sue, and Bob

**Footnote:** *Our Finance Committee is faced with a sharp increase in our property insurance premium for the coming year. We are appealing the premium based on our property maintenance and improvement work: mold mitigation, roof and HVAC replacement, and parking lot repavement/lights.*

*\u2014257 ?We may have an unanticipated benefit of our needed work.*

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***Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Psalm 127:1  
Thank you for your support!***

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