

Hi Everyone

In case you were not aware, on Wednesday, Alison and I delivered our third baby – Kaitlyn Isabel Tye (8lb 4oz). So, as you can imagine, we have both been a little busy. Mum, baby and Dad are great and Alison is now home and wishing that our house didn't have quite as many steps 😊.

I thank God that our church is not a "Shoosh" church. How can we be? With over 10 babies born in the church in the last two years and many still to be born, the average age of our congregation is getting younger. In our current home at Parkside, the room acoustics do not lend themselves well to trying to minimise the sound of a crying baby or boisterous toddler so that the speaker's voice cuts through. These are two priorities for us to resolve in the new building. Firstly we want any noise in the congregation to be contained (as opposed to amplified in the current building) – though of course we will all be able to hear each other during worship. Secondly, we want to ensure that parents with temporarily upset children or nursing mothers can still feel included in the service without fear of being disruptive. Therefore the new building has a single "cry" room which has full view of the auditorium but is enclosed with glass to limit any possible noise crossing over. The room will have the audio from the service reproduced in ceiling speakers and the room will have easy access to the nearby toilets and change tables as well as comfortable seats for parents.

This week has seen some good progress. The first round of wall panels have been poured with concrete. The big boxes you see on the site contain these panels which, after they have set, are then used as the base for another panel to be poured on top. This will go on for the next two weeks – another set of panels will be poured on Wednesday morning. Once these are all done, they will sit for about a week to cure – during which time it will look like not much is happening on site. Afterwards though, they will all be tilted up into position by crane over the course of a few days which is expected later this month. The rain hasn't slowed things down this week but a little rain over the weekend is expected which hopefully will not hold things up.

**Progress to date:**

- Main slab complete
- First round of tilt panels complete

**What happens next** (subject to weather):

- More formwork and pouring of tilt panels

Here are some progress photos:



Site looking E – Several layers of panels here inside formwork. No idea which one's which 😊



Site looking S – More panels... standing in the Sunday School room. Presume this is one of the walls of the Sunday School or auditorium.



Site looking S – A completed panel with window spaces. This pan will actually be above the doorways that open onto the deck and kitchen area.



Whole Site looking from Tyerpower balcony



Oops – how did that get there?

The church leadership have repeatedly stated that the key to success for this project (and every endeavour the Lord calls us to) is prayer. Please take time to pray through the following:

Praise	Prayer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rain has not held things up.</li> <li>• Good progress this week and the project is on schedule.</li> <li>• No problems encountered digging piers and footings (no more hidden pipes found!)</li> <li>• No injuries on site this week</li> <li>• God’s financial provision for the project</li> <li>• Babies!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health of the our builder – Dave Harney who is recovering from ankle surgery</li> <li>• Dry weather</li> <li>• Good progress next week.</li> <li>• Safety of the workers on site.</li> <li>• That we can find ways to minister to the workers on site.</li> <li>• Financial provision for the project.</li> </ul>

If you have not reviewed the property prospectus, I encourage you do grab one from church or download it from: <http://www.mackaybaptist.org/property/default.aspx>. This document describes the history of the project and the

ways that you can be involved with the project through prayer, financial support and volunteer services. I encourage you all to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to the project on a regular basis.

If you do not wish to receive these updates, please reply to this message with the words “**unsubscribe**” in the body of the email message and I will remove you from the list.

God Bless

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