

New Buildings and Furnishings

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“To Do List”

- * **Pray** - Continue to pray for wisdom and direction. When things are going smooth, we forget to pray about our decisions. Don't stop!
- * **Gather Ideas** - Go to other churches, daycare centers, websites, and your network of preschool and children's ministers to gather ideas and take pictures. Take all of your information to the architect and discuss what would meet your needs.
- * **Shop Around** - Shop around for your furnishings. Watch for local auctions for playground equipment, desks, and tables and chairs. It is okay to purchase good used furnishings.
- * **Advertise** –Let your needs be known. Sometimes, “We have not because we ask not.” If you need some work done or furnishings purchased, put the word out in your church newsletter or bulletin boards.

“Not To Do”

- * **Drop the ball** – Constantly communicate. Talk with your staff and the person overseeing the project regularly. Don't assume that things you talked about in previous meetings will still be remembered. Put it in writing or emails you can recall if needed.
- * **Stress** - Contractors work on their own time frame and the only results that come from stress will be on your health. Realize that you may have to wait to get everything finished. Things don't always go as planned. You may have to use your old furnishings for a while; it's okay!
- * **Lose Vision** – Do not develop the attitude of “build it and they will come.” Remember that the church is not a building, it is the people. We are commanded to go out and bring them in. Our ministry is not about having the biggest building or the best furnishings. Our ministry is about people.

