



Quarterly Report

July 2026

Dear St. John Parishioners,

We are excited to share that construction has **OFFICIALLY BEGUN** on the Ministry Building, marking an important milestone in our Arise & Build journey, with a target completion in early 2027! We expect to sign the final contract with our selected General Contractor in August, after which we will share a revised project budget and formally introduce the firm. In the meantime, we invite you to follow the latest progress by visiting our photo gallery at ariseandbuild.com/gallery.

The work of building our future extends beyond construction — it continues through the faithful generosity of our parish family. The fundraising campaign remains active, and every gift brings us closer to fulfilling our vision. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make or update your commitment, new pledge cards are available at the Arise & Build table and on ariseandbuild.com.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and investment in the future of our church community.

*“Let us arise and build!”
So they strengthened their
hands for the good work.*

- Nehemiah 2:18

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Meet Our Permit Expediter

Marcolina Permit Solutions

Marcolina Permit Solutions is a specialized permit coordination and consulting firm founded by Marcolina Almanzar, a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) and Certified Permit Technician (CPT). With more than 20 years of municipal permitting experience, the firm provides tailored permitting strategies and regulatory guidance to help projects navigate the building permit process efficiently.

Working closely with contractors, architects, engineers, developers, and municipal agencies, Marcolina Permit Solutions streamlines permit submittals, reduces delays, and helps keep projects on schedule. Their expertise is built on two key strengths: established relationships with municipal officials and a proven ability to prepare complete, accurate permit applications.

Benefits of Partnering with a Permit Expediter

- **Accelerated Approvals:** Deep knowledge of local permitting processes and review cycles help expedite permit approvals when possible.
- **Reduced Revisions:** Thorough review of plans, applications, and supporting documentation minimizes errors that can lead to comments, rejections or resubmittals.
- **Regulatory Expertise:** Extensive understanding of zoning regulations, building codes, and municipal requirements helps ensure compliance from the outset.
- **Strong Municipal Relationships:** Ongoing collaboration with building department staff and plan reviewers facilitates timely communication and efficient resolution of permitting issues.

A Milestone Worth Celebrating

We are grateful to share that, through the collaborative efforts of our design team, contractors, and Marcolina Permit Solutions, we received the building permit for the Ministry Building on July 14, 2026. This important milestone allows us to move into the next phase of construction.

We thank God for His continued provision and for the dedicated professionals who are helping bring this vision to life. Your prayers and support continue to make a meaningful difference as we create spaces that will serve our church family and the community for years to come.

Construction Update

Phase I: Ministry Building Renovation

Architectural Design

- **Ministry Building Design: *Finalized*** - includes new mechanical system, roof, church offices and meeting space, small fellowship hall, choir room, shared classroom/ministry space, updated restrooms, increased storage, accessible facilities, etc.

Permitting & Approvals

- **Construction Documents: *Complete*** - required to obtain all necessary permits and approvals in accordance with city and county requirements, as well as other stakeholders.
- **Expedited Permit Review: *Complete*** - comments addressed; inspection completed, permit approved.
- **Phase I Environmental: *Complete*** - property history and condition checked for possible environmental issues. None were found.

Contractor

- **Letter of Intent: *Signed with General Contractor***
- **Contract: *In Process***
- **Work: *Commenced July 6th*** - dumpsters installed; commenced interior demolition.

Phase II: Church Sanctuary Expansion

Architectural Design

- **Design Scope: *In Process*** - amending to reflect contractor input and value engineering.

Permitting & Approvals

- **Construction Documents: *In Process*** - For submission to permit expeditors and city of Tampa.
- **Expedited Permit Review: *In Process*** - Pending completed permit set of construction documents.
- **Phase I Environmental: *Complete***

Coming Soon!

Phase III: Kourmolis Center and Grounds Renovation

Projected Timeline Summary



**Pre-Construction
Design Phase**

Winter 2025 – Summer 2026
Completed



**Phase I
Ministry Building**

Summer 2026 – Winter 2026
In Progress



**Phase II
Church Expansion**

Winter 2026 – Winter 2027
Not Yet Started



**Phase III
Campus Renewal**

Summer 2027 – Summer 2028
Not Yet Started



**Post-Construction
Furnishing Phase**

Winter 2026 – Fall 2028
Not Yet Started

Financial Update

We are grateful for your past and future generosity. Arise & Build continues to seek pledges and donations to fund increased construction costs, expanded scope and the post-construction furnishing phase. Below is a financial update as of July 15, 2026.

Every gift, no matter the size, strengthens and supports our project

Pledge Update

56%	\$8.88M	422	\$5.92M	\$55K
Parishioner Participation	Total Amount Pledged	Total # of Pledges	Funds Collected	Interest Earned

Campaign Expenses

Construction	Marketing/Comm	Events	Other*	Total
\$122,975	\$29,123	\$9,901	\$13,259	= \$175,258

*Bank fees, software, consultant

Arise & Build Prayer

The Arise & Build Prayer was written to serve as a reminder that at the center of the campaign is prayer. It never would have begun without prayer, and prayer is what sustains it. Please offer this on a daily basis so that our Arise & Build Capital Campaign is covered with prayer by everyone in our community.



ARISE & BUILD Prayer

We praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You and we pray to You, O Lord, our God. Guide the Arise & Build Capital Campaign by Your Holy Spirit, so that through our work, we may bring You to others and others to You. Sanctify our community, all those who serve in it, and all those who are served by it. We ask your blessings on those who have contributed to it and those who are considering doing so. Bless our church leadership, our priests, our Parish Council, our ministry leaders and the Arise & Build committees. Through the intercessions of the Holy Theotokos, of St. John the Baptist, the patron saint of our parish and all Your saints. For You are He who blesses and sanctifies all things, O Christ our God, and to You we send up glory, with Your Father Who is from everlasting and Your all-Holy, Good, and Life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Please offer this prayer on a daily basis, so that our Arise & Build Capital Campaign is covered with prayer by everyone in our community.

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