



Mistakes to Avoid In Church Building Projects

Mike Buster
Executive Pastor
Prestonwood Baptist Church



Mistake #1

Making the Building
Process A Secular Journey

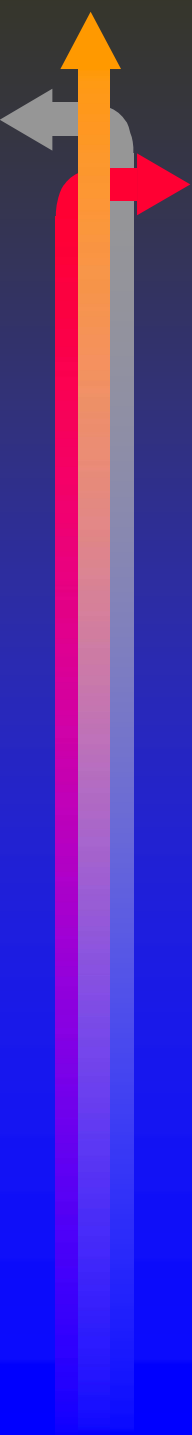


Mistake # 2

Not Having A Project Manager
Or One Staff Member To
Funnel All Efforts And
Information Through

Mistake # 4

Trusting Your Architects





Problems with Most Architects

1. Work Off %
2. Very Creative
3. Typically defensive of their creation
4. Don't always ask the right questions
5. Not good communicators

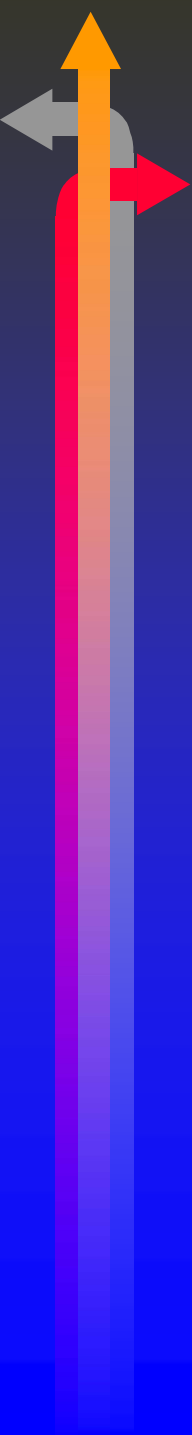


Mistake # 4

Bringing In Builder
After Design

Mistake # 5

Fast Tracking





Mistake # 6

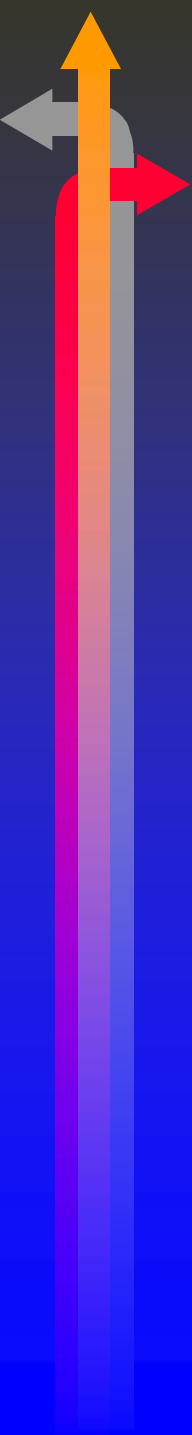
Thinking Construction Cost
Will Be Anywhere Near
Your Total Cost



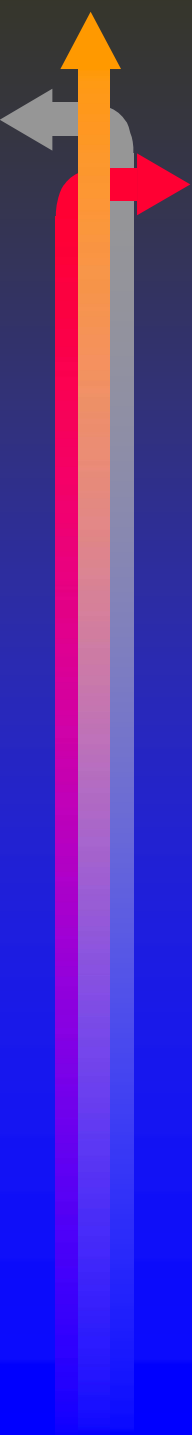
Count The Cost!

- Audi, Video and Sound System equipment and installation
- Computer/Data system and installation
- Specialty construction like Stained Glass and Library equipment
- Shelving, Cabinetwork and Built-ins and their installation
- Food Preparation and Kitchen equipment.
- Platform Furniture, Pulpit and Décor features – Plants, ect

- 
- Interior Decorations, Furniture and Wall art
 - Window treatments and Installation
 - Irrigation Systems and Landscaping – design and installation
 - Construction related Insurance
 - Performance and Payment Bond for Contractor
 - Interim Interest

- 
- Fund Raising expenses
 - Contingency – 10% Recommended
 - Land Cost and financing
 - Architects and Engineers Fees
 - Printing Expenses for documents and Bid Packages
 - Project Manager
 - Interior Signage
 - Exterior Signage

- 
- Moving Expenses
 - Parking Lot
 - Sidewalks
 - Materials Testing
 - Image Magnification
 - Choir Chairs
 - Theatrical Lighting
 - Cabling – voice / data
 - Computer & Wiring
 - Security Equipment

- 
- Sound – WC / Youth / Other
 - Impact & Misc. Fees
 - Closing Costs
 - Appraisal
 - Legal
 - Consultant Expenses
 - Traffic Engineer
 - Civil Engineer
 - Master Planner
 - Expediter for Civil Authorities



Mistake # 7

Avoiding Hiring Consultants