

## Changes Continue To Be Underway

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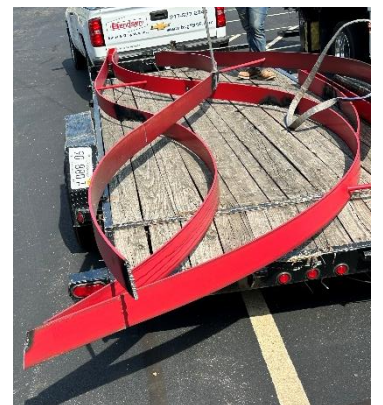
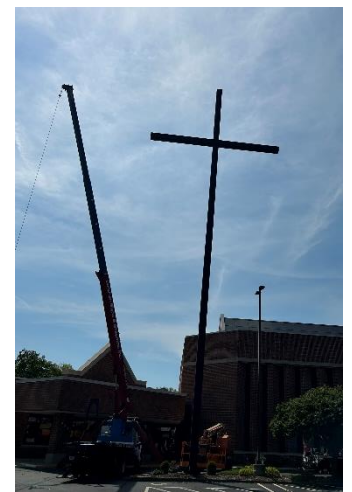
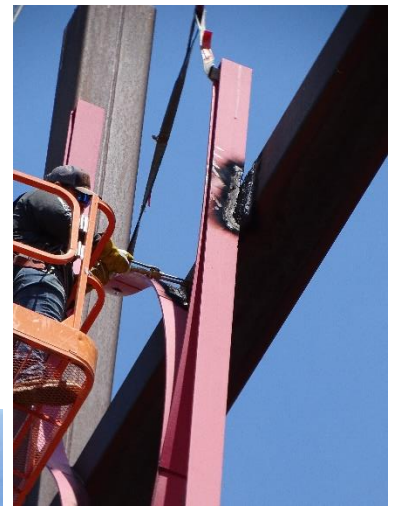
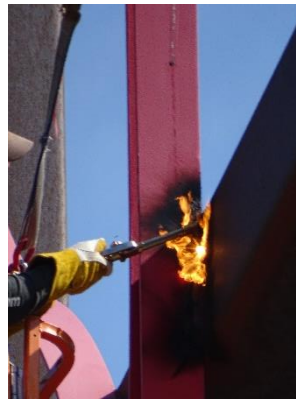
*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.* Hebrews 13:8

In the time when there are so much changing around us, it's comforting to know that Jesus never changes. It's a promise right out of Scripture. We can hold onto it.

Here are some facts about the history of the cross' and photos of the recent changes to it.

The cross was a gift from Grace member Richard Kinnemon in honor of his wife Bernice Kinnemon. The cost of the cross in 1993 was \$16,000. The cross is 80 feet high, the cross arm is 30 feet, and it weighs 12,000 pounds. The flame had 6 coats of red airplane paint. It was said to be able to last 30 years and from the photos you can see that it did. A Bendsen Sign employee who helped with the removal of the flame estimated it was 30 feet high.

At the raising, Rev. Donald J. Jones said of the cross that it was a reminder to the congregation and the city of what we are doing here and in Whom we believe. Even with the removal of the flame, the cross, which seems to stand taller, is still a reminder of what we are doing here and in Whom we believe.



It may look different, but we are still serving the same Lord Jesus Christ. That has not changed.

*If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.*  
- John 12:26