The big news from the building site of the new Baptist Hospital campus this month is that all the cranes have been taken down. Erected to lift materials from ground level to the individual floors and rooftops of the six- and 10-floor buildings, the crane work is now complete. We salute the crane operators, whose skill behind the controls of the enormous machinery is exceptional. Lucky for them, the job comes with amazing scenic views from their perch about 200 feet above the site.

The dismantling of the cranes means that most of the exterior work on the buildings is finished. Only small details remain in the installation of the roofing, glass and metal panels. This will complete the “building dry-in,” making the buildings weather tight. Otherwise, most of the work has moved indoors.

Hospital
• Installation of the exterior windows and glass system continues and will be completed in the next couple of months.
• Installation of the hospital elevators has begun.
• Framing of the interior walls continues on floors 6-9 and has begun on floor 10.
• Some of the air conditioning units have been started in a few areas on the first two floors.

Bear Family Foundation Health Center
• Elevator installation continues.
• Work on the canopy at the building entrance is nearly complete.
• Interior buildout continues on all floors
• Painting on floor 1 is ongoing while walls on floors 2 and 3 are being primed.
• Finishing work on the drywall on floor 4 is ongoing.

Central Energy Plant
• Work in the Central Energy Plant is nearing completion.
• Major equipment, including boilers, chillers, cooling towers and generators, is in place and connected.
• Painting of walls, installing electrical outlets, installing data outlets and other similar tasks continue to progress.

Behavioral Health Unit
• The site has been cleared and erosion control is in place.
• Preparing the building pad for the foundations is beginning.

Site
• Paving of parking lots and roadways is ongoing.
• Grading of the town square has begun.
• Walkways in and around the town square are being installed.

Workforce and Economic Impact
• More than 825 workers are on site on any given day.
• $13.5 million has been paid in construction wages to the local economy since January 2021.
• More than half of the workforce is local or minority.
• Efforts to recruit more local and minority workers continue.

Keep up with the progress of our new campus project by viewing videos and photos of the construction site online at ebaptisthealthcare.org/Transforming-Baptist/new-campus/images-and-videos or by scanning the QR code provided.