

Baymonte expansion plan runs into complications

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SCOTTS VALLEY — Even though the building expansion at Baymonte Christian School is behind schedule, principal Steve Patterson remains upbeat.

"It's a go. We're just not started yet," he said.

The K-8 school had expected to erect a two-story classroom building over the summer, but plans ground to a halt when architect Doug Messini, who was coordinating the project, died of a heart attack in May.

"That set us back considerably," said Patterson.

Then soil tests came back showing that 32-foot piers would be needed to anchor the building. That will cost an additional \$100,000, Patterson said.

City officials have yet to approve

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the building plans, but contractor Steve Hazen is already lining up subcontractors and volunteer labor.

Meanwhile, enrollment is about 450 students, and there will be three sixth-grade classes this fall. School policy allows no more than 26 students per class.

Students will meet in the library and music room until the new building is ready, which the principal hopes will happen by the end of November.

"We're going to see what God has in store for us," said Patterson.