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Warren and Associates Design-Build Starts Renovation Project for First Baptist Church Simpsonville—Multipurpose Facility Targeted for Fall 2008 Completion

Greenville, South Carolina—Warren and Associates Design-Build announces the start of another design-build project for First Baptist Church Simpsonville on the church's main campus in the heart of downtown Simpsonville in southern Greenville County. On Sunday, July 13, First Baptist Simpsonville held its opening-day church service in its new, 1,400-seat, state-of-the-art Worship Center, also constructed by Warren and Associates and designed by Neal Prince + Partners Architects. The next day, the Greenville-based construction firm was on site across the street performing demolition services and removing pews in the church's former 700-seat sanctuary, converting it into a multipurpose facility. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of October 2008.

First Baptist Simpsonville's renovation project calls for the facility's sloped floors to be filled with stone and leveled with concrete. A composite "Mondo" floor will be installed to accommodate basketball, volleyball and recreational activities, along with seating for up to 300 people for fellowship, dining and various types of meetings. A "catering kitchen," more aptly described as a serving area, will be equipped with icemakers, dishwashers, and refrigerator/freezer and food-heating equipment.

The existing balcony area is being renovated to create three individual theater-type classrooms. The area below the former balcony will house two exercise rooms—one with treadmills and weight-lifting equipment, the other for exercise classes—as well as men's and women's restrooms, complete with shower facilities.

"An interesting side note is that First Baptist Church (FBC) Simpsonville will donate approximately 30 pews from the former sanctuary to a church in Tamazula, Mexico, where some FBC mission teams helped build a new church that was dedicated last December," said Don Warren, founder and president of Warren and Associates Design-Build.

Warren and Associates Design-Build focuses exclusively on design-build project delivery for commercial, industrial and church-related facilities. The firm is licensed in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. An employee-owned company, the firm has several manufacturing, office and church projects underway in the region.

About Warren and Associates Design-Build, LLC

Greenville (SC)-based Warren and Associates Design-Build, LLC, was established in 2006 by Donald G. Warren, a 30-year veteran of the construction industry. Prior to starting Warren and Associates Design-Build, Warren served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Suitt Construction Company, Inc. Warren is one of only a few practicing Designated Design-Build Professionals™ in North and South Carolina. A founding member of the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA), he has been actively involved with that national organization since its inception in 1993. The Design-Build method of project delivery embraces architecture/engineering and construction services under a single contract, thereby re-integrating the roles of designer and constructor.

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