



Multipurpose Activity Center (Former Sanctuary Retrofit) **First Baptist Church Simpsonville**

Simpsonville, SC

Even before moving into its new 1,400-seat, state-of-the-art Worship Center, First Baptist Church Simpsonville (FBC) awarded Warren and Associates Design-Build a second design-build project on the church's main campus in the heart of downtown Simpsonville. The day after FBC held Sunday services in its new Worship Center for the first time, Warren and Associates 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.

First Baptist Simpsonville's former sanctuary renovation entailed filling the facility's sloped floors with stone and leveling them with concrete. The installation of a composite "Mondo" floor accommodates basketball, volleyball and other recreational activities, as well as seating for up to 300 people for fellowship, dining and various types of meetings. A "catering kitchen," more aptly described as a serving area, is equipped with icemakers, dishwashers, as well as refrigerator/freezer and equipment for heating food.

The existing balcony area was renovated to create three individual theater-type classrooms. The area below the former balcony houses two exercise rooms—one features treadmills and weight-lifting equipment, the other is used for exercise classes. The fitness area is served by new men's and women's restrooms, complete with shower facilities.

Owner

First Baptist Church Simpsonville

Size

Conversion of existing 700-seat sanctuary for multipurpose use.

Special Features

- Gym with composite mondo floor for recreational activities; doubles as fellowship hall with seating available for 300 people.
- Catering kitchen
- Theater-type classrooms
- Fitness area with two exercise rooms and restrooms/showers.

Construction Amount

\$825,000 Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)

Scope of Work

Preconstruction, design and construction services (including demolition) under a Design-Build contract.

Architect

Neal Prince + Partners Architects

Construction Schedule

July 2008 to October 2008