

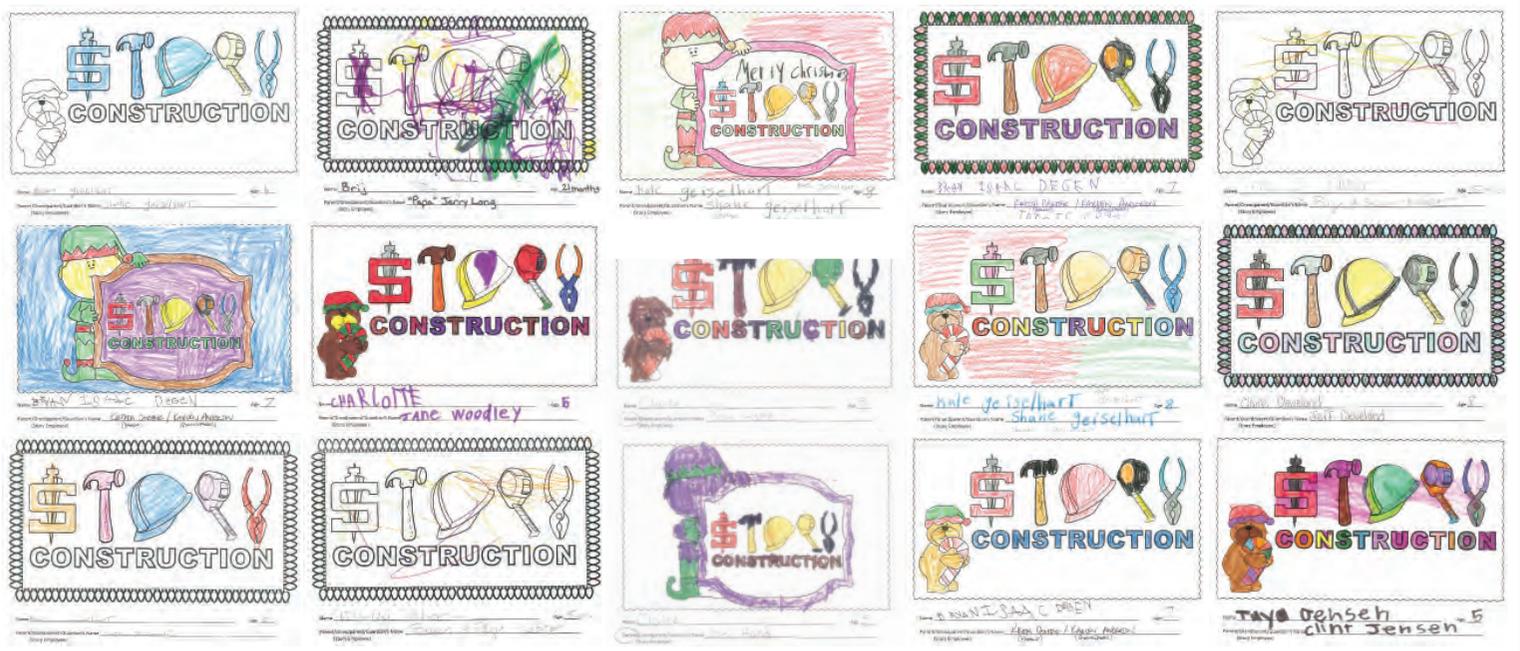


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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Thank you to the next generation of Story Construction for providing this year's Christmas artwork.

STEAMBOAT ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH WILL CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN NEW SURROUNDINGS

Named for the North Central Iowa community it serves, Steamboat Rock Baptist Church's original structure was built in 1876. Since that time nearly 140 years ago, the church has undergone demolitions and rebuilds, additions and renovations at the church site. So, when church leaders were faced with another revamp of their outdated facility, knowing their membership was growing, they realized that while a remodel would provide updates, it would not add the space they needed.

As it happened, Building God's Way (BGW) and Story Construction were hosting a seminar to help church leaders at similar decision-making crossroads. Members of the Steamboat Rock building committee attended, liked what they heard and engaged Don Mahoney, BGW architect, to help them take what they thought they wanted and needed and design the structure to answer those wants and needs. Al Johnson, building project manager for Steamboat Rock Baptist Church, attended that initial seminar and has been involved in the project from start to finish. "Once we met with the BGW architects, it was just a matter of days that they came back with a plan based upon our needs and priorities," says Johnson. "They gave us two to three renderings of different plans and we chose this one knowing it would be modern, bigger and provide everything we needed." The church then conducted two capital campaign drives which proved to be very successful, raising over \$1.5 million in three years.

With the money raised and a basic design in place, BGW and Story continued to work with SRBC through the charrette process, where the focus is to meet with multiple users of the church space and listen to specific needs. Input from separate teams for kitchen, nursery, office, youth, sanctuary and other areas ultimately helped shape how each space was designed, built and renovated, right down to decisions on carpet, wall colors, countertops and other items.

The project included demolition of a section of the old church, plus renovation of the existing sanctuary to be used as space for youth activities, offices, a reception area and a conference room. To provide the increased space the church needed, 8,800 SF was added to house the new sanctuary space, restrooms and kitchen.

The new sanctuary features a new pulpit and seating as well as one of the most up-to-date audio/visual/light (AVL) systems available. The AVL system allows audio for each instrument's microphone to be controlled separately, via an iPad®. In



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addition, the system projects lights, words to hymns and Bible verses onto two large screens behind the altar. While most of the amenities in the sanctuary are new, eight stained-glass windows from the old sanctuary were saved, some adorning the new sanctuary – where they can also be lit and dimmed via the AVL system – and others incorporated into the wall at the sanctuary's entrance.

Johnson and seven people who made up the SRBC building committee met with the construction and contractor team every two weeks. Johnson says, "We made a lot of major decisions and it turned out really nice. It was just exciting to be a part of that, knowing that some of the thought pattern that I and others went through...that it came out the way it did. Seeing the process on a daily basis and getting to meet the people was probably the highlight."

"I've been in a lot of buildings and seen a lot of transformations. Nothing has been more remarkable than the transformation of that small church into the church it is today."

– Mike Espeset, President, Story Construction

To mark progress, a church service was held on June 7, 2015, under the steel frame of the sanctuary. Parishioners also took time to participate in BGW's Ministry of Construction activity where they penned Bible verses and messages to the construction team on the beams and walls of the church.

Johnson concluded, "When you look at what we got done in nine months, it's incredible. The building is fantastic and all in all, it went pretty well. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Clint and Mike (Berg), and the whole Story team."

The new Steamboat Rock Baptist Church has already hosted a wedding as well as a Thanksgiving service. Johnson and all the parishioners are looking forward to a heightened Christmas season – their first in their beautiful new surroundings.

CLIENT

Steamboat Rock Baptist Church

DELIVERY METHOD

General Contractor

ARCHITECT

Building God's Way

PROJECT MANAGER

Clint Jensen

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Gordon Hutton

PROJECT ENGINEER

Mike Berg

PROJECT SIZE

8,800 SF Addition
14,200 SF Renovation

PROJECT COST

\$2.3 million

YEAR COMPLETED

September 2015

SPORTSIOWA INDOOR SPORTS FACILITY IS A WINNER

In sports, achievement comes from the perfect combination of team, talent and planning. SportsIowa Indoor Sports Facility owner Jim Wineinger and general manager Brett Carney are well-versed in how to win... in sports and in business. Their recently constructed facility on the west edge of Ames is being positioned as the premier indoor turf facility in Iowa.

Recognizing a need for this type of all-turf facility in the area, Wineinger and Carney teamed with Story Construction to construct the 36,000 SF pre-engineered building. "We just felt like in Iowa in general, but specifically in this part of Iowa, there was a need for indoor turf space," says Carney. "With indoor turf we can offer not only soccer, but also indoor lacrosse, baseball, softball, flag football; there's a lot of things we can do on this turf in addition to soccer."

The facility does offer soccer to players of all ages and talent levels. They host a college division, 30 and older division and coed division. They also offer soccer skills classes, clinics and camps. In addition, the space includes a room for parties, meetings and other events as well as an arcade space with machine and table games, and a full concession stand.

Of course, the facility's biggest draw is the fields. The larger of two fields in the facility is equipped with nylon turf using rubber infill, similar to that at the University of Iowa's and Iowa State University's practice football facilities. The nylon indoor turf is specifically designed for soccer and football because it most closely simulates outdoor grass. As Carney points out, most major soccer schools in Iowa play on the surface outdoors, so they want to play on that same surface indoors. The second, smaller field is more of a multi-purpose turf to offer dodge

ball, volleyball, whiffle ball or to accommodate batting cages for hitting practice.

The turf on the larger field allows players to get a better grip when running, turning, etc. There's less slipping which can mean fewer ankle, knee and hip injuries. The turf also gives the ball a truer carry, similar to outdoor play. All these aspects were considered in the design; the goal was to make the transition from indoors and outdoors style of play an easy one.

In addition to ensuring the function of facility and the turf was first-class, another major goal was to make it safe for players and spectators alike. SportsIowa Indoor Sports is the only facility in Iowa to have sound-proof, shatter-proof glass walls surrounding both fields, and they are completely netted as well. This protection keeps balls from leaving the playing field, offering added protection to spectators and visitors to enhance their overall experience. The facility is also well lit and kept at a comfortable temperature.

"When we went into this project, we wanted to make sure we had a facility that was first-class," says Carney. "Working with Story Construction, they really helped us develop and reach that goal. Our facility is very professionally done; it looks good, it is well designed and laid out great."

When choosing their contractor, Carney and Wineinger looked to Story for several reasons. They knew they wanted to support the local community and they also knew of Story's experience and reputation in the area as a company they could trust. Carney adds, "Throughout the whole process Shane was awesome. Any time there were issues, he was on top of it and took care of things. And Lloyd, the superintendent on site, was really good to work with and kept things moving so that we could finish the project on time. When Story told us the deadline, we were a little skeptical but they delivered on time."

From start to finish, the project took less than six months to complete. A groundbreaking was held in April, then the team went to work. Foundations were poured in May/June and the pre-engineered building was erected and enclosed by August at which point the interior could be finished in time for opening in September. Now open for a few months, Carney has seen increased interest in the facility and looks forward to that trend continuing. Soccer and other indoor sports enthusiasts now have a top-notch, family-friendly facility in the heart of Iowa. Everybody wins.

CLIENT

Ames Sports Properties

DELIVERY METHOD

General Contractor

ARCHITECT

DLM Architects, LTD

PROJECT MANAGER

Shane Geiselhart

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Lloyd Uitermarkt

PROJECT SIZE

36,000 SF

YEAR COMPLETED

September 2015



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- Brett Carney, General Manager



TO OUR STORY FAMILY, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS

As we close the books on 2015, we wish to thank each of you for the part you've played in our success throughout the year. We know that we could not do what we do – and love – without you. We're excited for what 2016 has in store and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year!

Mike Espeset, PRESIDENT

Pat Geary, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Steve Tenney, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



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