

Pullen Memorial Baptist Church

Expansion and Renovation Project Highlights

Area or Program	Current Situation	Pullen Reaching provides
Fellowship / Community Gathering (indoor)	Small disconnected side foyers and parlor limit opportunities for gathering before and after worship	New lobby that wraps the rear of the sanctuary, new doors at rear center of sanctuary opening to lobby and new multi-function parlor with kitchenette and chair storage.
	Fellowship hall deep inside building and hard to find, little natural light, insufficient for large events, limited use stage area.	New, larger fellowship hall with a wall of windows facing south and lots of natural light. Opens to lower courtyard for outdoor/overflow seating. Flexible stage area and adjacent mission space can be set up with tables for extra meal seating during extremely large events. Easy access to parking, elevator, playground, and Pullen Park.
	Baptismal pool with no drain, cold water, poor lighting, space is unused 364 days each year.	New recessed pool in floor of fellowship hall stage, with hot water and a drain, covered by stage when not in use. Natural light enters from above.
	Chapel has no exterior walls, no windows, can only accommodate very small ceremonies (only 80 to 85).	New free-standing chapel has light from all 4 directions, opens to roof garden and front courtyard plaza. Connects to existing building by short covered walkway. Permanent labyrinth in the floor, exposed wood beams. Flexible seating still comfortable for small ceremonies and also able to accommodate medium-sized services of over 150 people.
Fellowship / Community Gathering (outdoor)	Sunny, centermost sunny part of property is taken by parking lot. Back door is a bottleneck before and after Wednesday activities. Front landing and stairs are narrow and steep and not conducive to lingering.	Roof garden over the new fellowship hall is accessible from rear of sanctuary level of existing building. Terraced courtyard connects front door, new free-standing chapel, roof garden, and handicap ramp from the street level. Rear lower door has larger foyer and is adjacent to playground, fellowship hall, and lower courtyard. Lots of places to sit, stand, and gather for both front (Sunday) and rear (Wednesday) uses.
Missions	No dedicated space for mission programs, mission partners using Pullen rooms must bring and take their materials each time.	New mission suite with dividable multi-purpose room, storage cabinets, laundry room, showers, computer hookups, separate entrance, access to kitchen facilities. Activities can expand into fellowship hall or not.
	No place for members to drop off backdoor meal items so packages are stacked in floor outside minister's office.	Storage cabinets near and in outreach minister's office facilitate organized drop-off of items. Elevator to basement provides easier access to storage of mass-quantity packaged items.
Education-Children	Classrooms scattered on 1 st and 3 rd floor, making transitions noisy/difficult. Only 1 room has divider for flexible sizing.	All children's classroom on ground floor, with easy access to both the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. More flexible-sized rooms. 3 new classrooms have direct access to play area.

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	Children must cross parking lot traffic to reach playground. Play area has uneven surfaces and hard brick dividers.	Safe, level surface of relocated playground is directly adjacent to the building, with access doors from 3 children’s classrooms and another from hallway near fellowship hall. Separate basketball area for older kids.
Education-Youth	Inadequate classrooms, “borrowing” adult space on Wednesday nights for small group activities, main commons/assembly space is above the chapel so movement creates disturbance below, no food allowed in commons area, space is on hall shared with adults and children classes, not distinct to youth.	A new youth suite on the ground floor with enough large and small rooms to accommodate classes and break-out groups, including kitchenette and flex space that will allow group meals. A “destination” not on a busy hallway, with all spaces dedicated to youth activities and no other spaces below that could be disturbed. The “coolest” space in the building, the half-circle room under the chancel.
Education- Adult	More classes and groups exist than there are rooms for them to meet. Classes meet in stairwells and hallways. Adult classrooms and youth/children classrooms on same floor makes for noisy transitions.	Moving children and youth classes to new and renovated space on ground floor will open entire 3 rd floor for adult classrooms, with all existing adult classes having a room and space for a couple of newly-formed classes.
Music	No dedicated rehearsal space, must use sanctuary or chapel and haul music up from lower floor. Inadequate storage for instruments and music library.	New rehearsal hall with built-in instrument storage, adjacent music library and robing rooms. Convenient to stairs, elevator, restrooms.
Accessibility	Cramped elevator, steep front stairs with no “resting” place, steep parking lot with only 1 level space, no wheelchair access to chancel area, non-ADA makeshift accessible restrooms	New larger elevator going all the way to the cellar; reconfigured front entrance with gradual stairs, wide landings, a ramp from the street, and a possible lift. ADA-approved accessible restrooms on every floor; multiple, level spaces for handicap parking; lift in sanctuary provides access to chancel for mobility-challenged speakers and musicians.
Staff Admin offices	Offices scattered across 2 floors, inadequate work surfaces and storage space, copy machines in the hall, no way to see people requesting entry into building.	A new administrative office suite grouping all admin staff on main floor adjacent to new “daily” entrance. Functional placement of copy machine, storage, countertops.
Staff Minister offices	Offices scattered across 2 floors, separated from program areas and colleagues, some with no natural light.	All offices have windows. Youth and music minister offices relocated to within their program areas on the ground floor, others grouped on main floor. New storage for outreach minister.