



September 18, 2019

On September 17, the session approved signing a contract for R.H. Tyson Construction to serve as the contractor for the upcoming renovation of our sanctuary and Ashantilly Wing. R.H. Tyson is headquartered in Blackshear, Georgia and was selected after careful vetting by the Building Committee and Ussery Rule Architects. R.H. Tyson also successfully completed the Music Attic Connector Project on our campus this summer (see back). Our final Sunday worshipping in the sanctuary will be later this month on our 73rd Church Anniversary Sunday – September 29. This month’s “Renovation Update” is the first wave of much more information to follow in the coming days and weeks – be on the lookout!

- Renovation Transition Team

Sanctuary & Ashantilly Renovation Beginning in October

Worship in Social Hall Will Begin on Sunday, October 6

On Sunday, September 29, 2019 we will gather to celebrate 73-years of faith and ministry at St. Simons Presbyterian. Our worship will focus on remembering the past, giving thanks for the present, and looking ahead to the future. As part of our worship we will also thank God for our beautiful sanctuary and dedicate it as it prepares to undergo renovation.

The renovation of the sanctuary and Ashantilly Wing is anticipated to last at least 12-months. During that time we will be worshipping in the Social Hall. Members of the Renovation Transition Team have carefully planned everything from room setup for worship to parking to traffic flow to signage to handicap accessibility. In the coming weeks, many details about our transition to this temporary worship space will be communicated to the congregation.

Please not hesitate to contact any member of the Transition Team with any questions.



Renovation Project Overview



Spaces: Sanctuary and Ashantilly Wing
Contractor: R.H. Tyson Construction (Blackshear, GA)
Timeline: Project Expected to Last At Least 12-Months
Budgeted Cost: \$4.1 million
Scope: Sanctuary completely renovated (chancel and transepts widened, new liturgical furniture, lighting, HVAC, windows, surfaces, etc.); Ashantilly Wing refreshed (new flooring, windows, roof, surfaces)

What Has Already Happened?

Music Attic Connector Completed: In June/July, a connector hallway was constructed to allow the Music Attic to be accessed using the elevators that service the youth suite. The space is already being utilized the Music Ministry.

Library Packed Up: All the books in the library have been packed up and prepared for storage during the renovation. Select books will be available throughout the renovation and have been temporarily moved to the bookshelves in the John Law Conference Room.

Other Completed Projects: Hunger Action Team moved off-site; parlor packed up; closets throughout church inventoried and purged; old and outdated furniture donated or disposed of; pipe organ removed.



Looking Ahead...

Final Sunday in Sanctuary September 29	Our 73 rd Church Anniversary on September 29 will also be our final Sunday worshipping in the sanctuary prior to the start of the renovation. Our worship will include a dedication of the sanctuary space followed by our traditional church anniversary luncheon in the Social Hall.
Construction Begins Week of September 30	Guided by the Renovation Transition Team, we will complete the process of emptying the sanctuary and Ashantilly Wing of all remaining furniture and miscellaneous contents. R.H. Tyson will begin fencing the construction zone and assembling materials on-site.
First Sunday in Social Hall October 6	Our first Sunday worshipping in the Social Hall will be on Sunday, October 6. Worship times (8:30 & !1A), breakfast, Sunday School offerings, and other “normal” Sunday activities will not change.

Questions?

Building Committee: Tom Baltzell (Chair), Karen Schmidt, Matt Hodgdon, *Alan Dyer, Rhonda Hambright*
Renovation Transition Team: Leslie McCracken (Chair), Anne Aspinwall, Annie Franklin Arvin, Ben Bryson, David Stewart, Rhonda Hambright, Suzanne Morrison, Tom Haughney, Walter Lynn, Alan Dyer