



Construction Underway On First Baptist Church in Columbia, IL

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FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, IL., March 4, 2014 . . . Construction-management firm IMPACT Strategies today announced it has been awarded a contract to build a new 31,000-square-foot church for First Baptist Church in Columbia, Ill. Construction is underway and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2014.

IMPACT began construction this past October and, before the harsh winter weather set in, the company succeeded in preparing and grading the site's groundwork. The area was a densely covered forest that required a lot of tree removal and ground preparation. The new facility will have a 700-seat sanctuary and educational classrooms, providing the congregation the opportunity to worship and learn under one roof. Currently the church utilizes a separate house on its property for its student ministry.

Pastor Jonathan Peters, Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church, Columbia, said, "The greatest asset of the new church building is that we'll be able to continue to grow together as a family, and increase our capacity to impact Columbia and the world for Christ. We have longed for the day where our building can match the size of God's dream for our church, and provide us with opportunities to bless our community. Our people are excited beyond measure to see God's dream become a reality, and we look forward to moving into our new home in the fall of 2014."



First Baptist Church will be located at 1200 Valmeyer Road in Columbia on a 47-acre tract of land, which it purchased in 2004 in anticipation of building a new church and additional facilities in the future.

IMPACT Strategies is working in collaboration with architect Quadrant Design, Inc. of Waterloo, Ill.

About IMPACT Strategies

IMPACT Strategies, Inc. specializes in Retail, Commercial, Medical, Senior Housing and Education construction and offers comprehensive construction services including design-build, general contracting, construction management and pre-construction management. The company is headquartered in Fairview Heights, Ill. with an office in St. Louis, Mo. and primarily serves clients throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area.

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