

Church Building Method Cuts Cost

The Berean Baptist Church at 520 Glensford Dr. here has embarked on a revolutionary construction program for its new sanctuary.

The Beaman Corp. of Greensboro has developed a modular-panelized building method that cuts the costs and construction time normally experience with conventional methods.

The church's pastor, Rev. Steven Byrd, turned to Beaman when it became apparent the church could not obtain the necessary space within the budget using conventional methods.

Approximately 90 per cent of the church's exterior walls are now in place and these are erected in six working days by a crew of four men. The accelerated construction is made possible by the use of modular wall panels that are manufactured at the Beaman plant in Liberty and shipped

to the job site in a finished condition.

The exterior finish is a combination of stone aggregate and thin brick panels, with a total thickness of only 4½ inches.

Beaman has used the system on many buildings throughout the East and Midwest, but this is the first church sanctuary the company has built using the modular-panelized system. Although this is a prototype as far as this particular building is concerned, Beaman has used the same technique on schools, office buildings, convenience stores, and other commercial buildings.

The new sanctuary will seat 600 persons and will later be expanded to seat 700. Total cost of the project is less than \$150,000. The construction schedule calls for the building to be completed by early April.

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A school report

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Berean Baptist Academy returned to class in the high school area on May 1 after a fire destroyed the gymnasium and severely damaged all classrooms on April 21.

A cleaning service, along with volunteers, staff and teachers spent several days and nights cleaning the school.

The 10 seniors will be able to graduate on May 26 as planned.

Following are some of their comments on the fire:

■ "Everyone says God works through the bad things, and I can definitely see His hand at work through this tragedy," said Melissa St. Clair. "This has made a big impact on my life and will be a major incident in my book of senior memories."

■ "Many thoughts ran through my head," said Naomi Chang. "I had been at this school since second grade, worked hard throughout the years, and now I get to the end and this happens."

■ "Although no one was injured, the spirits of many were crushed that day, but we have begun the rebuilding and the healing already. We will survive," said Morgan Stage.

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PLACE OF FAITH

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- **Telephone:** 868-5156
- **Internet:**
www.bereanbaptistchurch.org
- **E-mail:** bbcfaync@aol.com
- **Leaders:** Senior Pastor Steven Byrd; Co-Pastor Don Woosley; Associate Pastor Wally Bearden
- **Services:** 10:50 a.m. Sunday; 6 p.m. Sunday; and 7 p.m. Wednesday
- **Outreach programs:** Berean supports 41 missionaries; provides transportation to church for children and adults through its bus ministry; holds programs for children and adults of all ages
- **Affiliation:** Independent
- **Organized:** Feb. 7, 1967
- **Average attendance:** 1,000
- **History:** Berean Baptist Church was organized on Feb. 7, 1967, by 22 charter members. From 1967

to June 1972, church members met in a rented store-front building. In 1972, the church bought six acres and built a metal education building. Pastor Steven Byrd founded Berean Baptist Academy in 1975. More than 350 students are now enrolled. In 1981, the church purchased 10 more acres of land and built the Berean Family Life Center. In 1986, Berean moved into a new 1,000-seat sanctuary.

■ **This week's message:** Don Sisk, director of Baptist International Missions Inc., will be the guest speaker this Sunday. Pastor Byrd said Berean invited Sisk because, "We hope he will give us a mission challenge, a greater vision for the need for establishing churches in our country and overseas. We want to reach the masses with the gospel."



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