

The formidable structure that houses the congregation of Riverbend Church in Austin on Capitol of Texas Highway will enjoy a facelift and addition beginning this December, lead by Austin's \$45M general commercial contracting firm, Structura, Inc. The \$3M campus upgrade will include a new two-story education building and renovations throughout the existing school and office spaces, the fellowship hall and the property's outdoor hardscapes.

Local architect L.M.Holder, who worked alongside Structura on the downtown reconstruction of the historic Perry Brooks Office Building, along with J.Q. Design will lead the design team along with project manager Will Shepherd (formerly of Carr America) to help create a worship and learning facility that meets the changing needs of Riverbend's fast-growing congregation, young adult education spaces and child-development center.

Rusty Morgan, CEO of Structura, has children who attend the church's pre-school, and spoke to concerns about safety while the campus continues its operations during normal school and working hours. "We are extremely sensitive to safety issues at Structura, but in this instance, even more so because there are children involved," explains Morgan. "Any contractor or worker on site during this six-month long project will be required to wear a photo-badge at all times, or they will be escorted off the property immediately." Structura enjoys a high safety-rating among contractors in Texas (.72) and prides itself on continuing that reputation.

Morgan is pleased to announce his exceptionally experienced team for this project: Bruce Lowe, Project Manager, Kristin Kibling, Project Engineer, and Sean Blanchard, Superintendent, and Structura's Vice-President Kevin Jones. "This team has worked together on many successful, ground up religious facilities, remodel and rehabilitation projects in the Austin area including churches, hospitals, high end office finishes and retail stores," says Morgan.

Hardscapes will include a modernized plaza and the addition of state of the art playscapes and contemporary connecting bridges throughout the property.