

BEARDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



Bearden United Methodist Church with its New Family Life Center Addition

AWAM was retained to develop a master plan for the six acre site of a growing West Knoxville Church. A plan was developed to incorporate future additions and renovations to the existing two story 1950's sanctuary and education wings for education space, a family life center and parking. The first phase included the family life center addition and additional parking. The two-story family life center is attached to the existing sanctuary building via a grand entrance foyer with a covered entries at both levels.

The upper level contains a choir suite designed to repeat the design of the choir loft in the sanctuary. The lower level contains the gymnasium, full-service kitchen and locker rooms. The gym day and care center are on the same level to facilitate use by both the daycare and school aged children. The architecture of the addition ties into the existing building with use of matching brick, gabled roofs using the same shingles as the existing building and similarly scaled windows.



Choral Suite Stained Glass Window



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Gymnasium Interior

The addition fits into the natural slope of the site to minimize its impact from the street so as not to compete with the sanctuary, but remains a visible addition emphasizing the growth of the church's facilities. The choir suite is accented by a large window with a pre-cast concrete cross. Stained glass panels installed in each section of the window surrounding the cross were financed by donations in honor of church members. In 1995, Architects Weeks Ambrose McDonald, Inc. also designed a stage at the northern end of the gym in keeping with the original design which left room for just this purpose. The 10,490 sf addition was completed in 1990 at a total construction cost of \$701,808, or \$67/sf.

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