

# Lake Ridge Baptist Church

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Dear Jerry,

On behalf of the entire congregation, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to you and your staff for your professional, responsive and caring Christian work while completing the Smith Building educational wing addition of our church. It is obvious that you and your staff look to the Lord for guidance while being good stewards of all that is His.

You and your company came highly recommended to our church as a "construction manager" – a term of art we did not initially fully comprehend. However, you quickly educated us on the difference between your company and a "general contractor". You explained that we, the church, had final word on the selection of a contractor for each segment of the building process – a concept you honored throughout the building process. Nonetheless, while we stayed actively involved, your company oversaw the entire construction phase, from building permit acquisition to the actual occupancy permit. Based upon your presentation and explanation of the building process, we placed our trust in you and your company, and you did not let us down. In fact, you and your entire staff have surpassed the high expectations we had for this "Together We Build" project.

Four years ago, you and our architect informed us that our building extension of over 12,000 square feet of educational space would cost 1.2 million dollars. Although circumstances required us to wait until 1997 to break ground for the building, you and your staff worked hard to finish the building at the original estimate of 1.2 million dollars. Throughout each stage of the building process, you discovered ways to save money while simultaneously maintaining the high quality craftsmanship desired by our church. The use of your company-supplied carpenters, painters, and heating/air conditioning craftsmen saved us money while providing high-quality results. Moreover, you and your staff identified discrepancies and unnecessary items in our floor plans. These identified items saved us additional money and prevented future plumbing, electrical, and drainage problems for our church.

Through your faithful stewardship of our finances, your company completed our educational wing extension approximately \$80,000 under budget. This additional savings has allowed us to:

- Replace the shingles on the roof of the original portion of our educational wing;
- Add cabinets in our nursery;
- Add closets for the library, youth group, and Boy Scouts;