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TPC Architects, Inc. Newsletter

Is Your Army Ready?

You've read in TPC's newsletters many times about the value of planning. Here is a perspective from scripture:

"Uzziah had an army ready for battle..." (2 Chronicles 26:11).

Uzziah was a good king. God had enabled him to accomplish much, including defeating the enemy and constructing buildings. God was pleased with Uzziah's obedience. His preparedness to do the work of the Lord was a key factor. He had his army ready, and took action when God directed him.

Is your army ready? Do you have a battle plan? I believe that churches should always be in the process of planning so that they are ready to go when God blesses them. Master planning, agency entitlements, fund raising and other aspects of expansion take time. When the King calls you into action, be ready!

Thematic Design for Children's Spaces

When you think of an education building for children you may have in mind a clean, durable, efficient, perhaps somewhat sterile and economical environment. Perhaps you envision the rooms more in terms of size, shape, circulation and capacity (i.e. floor plan layout) than as three dimensional spaces.

Although we may not have quite the same tendency to think of the exterior design of a building in this way, I think that most people lean towards a stereotypical image of architecture. In many cases, children's environments deserve to be considered differently.



Entrance to Children's Education Building
Adventure Christian Church, Roseville, CA

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Adventure Christian Church in Roseville determined to inject life (and fun!) into their new 28,500 SF children's education building. They retained Visioneering Studios in Irvine, CA, along with interior design firm Plain Joe Studios, to work closely with TPC Architects in creating an "adventure" theme. Since the second floor of this building is connected to adjacent site areas with bridges on two sides, the "Port Adventure" theme was born.

A theme for each "port" was created for each of the four age group areas. The photos below show the results:



Entrance (corridor) to "Seaport"



Entrance (corridor) to "Terraport"



Children's Assembly Room in "Aeroport"

Obviously the results are far from ordinary! Beginning with a well designed building, the interior design team helped TPC make adjustments and refinements that allowed the adventure theme to appear. Each floor, wall, and ceiling surface became a "canvas" using color, texture, materials, and graphics to create the theme. The cost of these features was established by an interior design budget at the outset of the design phase, and was included in the church's financial planning of the overall project.

We understand that many churches will not choose to theme their children's spaces to this extent. However, this approach does demonstrate that a building can be designed - with no increase in its base cost - to accommodate creative interiors (and exteriors).

We encourage you to consider injecting "life and "fun" into the environments we use to teach our children.

I encourage you to contact me personally with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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