Countryside Baptist Church

Integrating Sound and Worship

A Community Case Study - September, 2008

About the Church

The Countryside Baptist Church was founded in September 1977 when 87 people gathered for its first service. Located in Clearwater, Florida, Countryside opened its present auditorium in November 1981. Approximately 300 congregants now attend Sunday morning services.

Countryside offers a traditional service combined with some contemporary worship styles. Their choir and piano play a key role in the services. Other instruments are also featured including an organ, guitars, and drums. The auditorium has a main seating area split into three sections with two rear seating areas and a pair of side seating areas.

The Sound System

Countryside knew that it needed a new sound system, especially since some members had complained of difficulty understanding the pastor’s words, but a small budget limited its options. The church’s unconventional shape presented a severe acoustical challenge as well. Moreover, congregants sitting in the rear sections, where the ceiling is lower, experienced the most intelligibility problems with the previous system.

Steve Jones of Technical Resource Group (TRG), who designed and installed Countryside’s new audiovisual system, described the magnitude of their decision.

“This was a very large undertaking for this particular church. So the board was concerned with making sure the money it was spending was money that truly had to be spent.”

Jones understood that he had to deliver a quality system at a good price for Countryside. Having used Community’s VERIS (VERsatile Installation Systems) loudspeakers for another client’s project, he knew that VERIS offered superb sound at the right price point. Jones opted for a distributed system. In front of the auditorium, he hung two VERIS 32-64 twelve-inch three-way speakers in a left/right configuration. He also mounted VERIS 212S dual twelve-inch subwoofers discretely at both sides of the stage. Halfway back in the pew section, a pair of VERIS 12-64 twelve-inch two-way loudspeakers were also installed.
They fill up the back side of the main section of the sanctuary,” said Jones. “Behind that is an overflow area that used to be Sunday School classrooms but now is always open. This area, which is under a lower ceiling, is covered by VERIS6 six-inch two-ways. They add a little bit of fill into those areas.”

Countryside relies on volunteer operators for its system, which made ease of use another key factor. With that in mind, Jones selected Crown XTI-Series amplification, which includes presets that simplify operation. The church also invested in a Yamaha M7CL 48-channel digital audio board, mainly because they wanted a console with recall capabilities. Meanwhile the choir has enjoyed the addition of condenser microphones – Audix SCX1-c models – that hang from the ceiling.

The church has received numerous complements on its new sound system. Whether it is music from the choir or words from the pastor, everyone now hears clearly. One member described it as “a substantial leap in quality.”

**Equipment Highlights**

- Two Community VERIS 32-64 12-inch three-way full-range cabinets
- Two VERIS 12-64 twelve-inch two-way boxes
- Six VERIS 6 single six-inch two-way systems
- Two VERIS 212S dual twelve-inch subwoofers
- Crown XTI-Series amplification
- Biamp Nexia SP 4x8 digital system processor
- Yamaha M7CL 48-channel digital audio board

**About Technical**

Technical Resource Group (TRG) is a complete design, consultation, sales, and installation team that is service and solution oriented. TRG is located at 7225 Bryan Dairy Road, Largo, FL 33777 in the Tampa Bay area. Call (727) 533-9440 or visit their website at www.trginc.net for more information.

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**Sound System (continued)**

**The Loudspeakers**

VERIS (VERsatile Installation Systems) is comprised of precision engineered small-to-medium-sized loudspeakers aesthetically designed for use in worship centers, conference rooms, clubs, restaurants and many other small to mid-size venues. All VERIS models are available in elegant black or white finishes. A wide range of mounting brackets and optional accessories for VERIS are also available to facilitate installation.

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