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## Wetzel & Truex Getting A New Home

As with too many smaller cities across the country, Norfolk's downtown retailers are suffering. With the downtown activity fading, Wetzel & Truex Jewelry owner Mark Raders had to make a decision: either put a lot of money into renovating a downtown building he didn't own, or look for a new location and become an owner.

Beckenhauer Construction is glad we could help him once that decision had been made. We found him a location with fabulous exposure on a lot that required a very unusual building footprint. Once completed, the store will be a beautiful addition to the community. We consider ourselves privileged to be able to help Mark turn his dreams into reality.



A drawing of the completed Wetzel & Truex building.



Wetzel & Truex Jewelry's new home taking shape.



The future First Baptist Church in Norfolk.

## First Baptist Church Moves Forward After Tragedy

Beckenhauer Construction was devastated to hear about the fire at First Baptist Church here in Norfolk. We built the church back in 1990 and it has since been a fine looking structure along busy Benjamin Avenue. After the fire, we offered our assistance, assuming from outward appearances it would be a rebuilding project. We have had extensive experience in catastrophic reconstruction work and felt we could be helpful on this one. Unfortunately, we've since learned that, in this case, the fire produced some tremendous heat that seriously damaged the structural integrity of all the wood framing members, and the only possible solution was to completely remove what remained and start over.

Losing a facility that was such an important part of the life of this congregation created tremendous difficulty. Once the congregation came to grips with the fact that rebuilding could only mean a new church, they attacked their challenge with zeal. The accompanying architect's rendering is evidence of the vast effort put forth by the congregation and their building committee. As you can see, it will be a beautiful structure, one that will meet their needs even better than their former home. Beckenhauer Construction is extremely pleased First Baptist has once again chosen us to assist them in turning their dreams into reality.

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# With A Little Help From Our Friends

February found president Buster Beckenhauer enjoying a winter getaway in Tucson with his "real" board of directors, the Sullivan Group. This group of contractors, representing companies all across the country, was started by Tom Sullivan of New Hampshire's John B. Sullivan Jr. Corporation as a way to promote better business practices, expand our opportunities, make us more resourceful, learn from each others mistakes as well as our successes, and generally provide each of us with the opportunity to be the best we can be in our industry.

As a group, we meet several times a year, usually in one of the member's offices, to offer constructive criticism and advice as a highly qualified board of directors. For us here at Beckenhauer Construction, I can truly say that joining this group of friends as well



Company president Buster Beckenhauer (in the red shirt) surrounded by his "board of directors" as he receives the 2006 Sullivan Group Award.

as fellow design/build contractors was absolutely the best thing we have ever done to improve ourselves.

It was my great privilege to be honored in Tucson by Tom Sullivan with the

2006 Sullivan Group Award for "excellence in maintaining the highest standards in the construction industry." A huge thank you to Tom and the rest of the Sullivan Group.



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