

SPRINGDALE FBC GETS LIGHTING FACELIFT

Brawner & Associates just completed a lighting design, equipment renovation and upgrade at the First Baptist Church Of Springdale Arkansas. The church of over 12,000 members strong seats almost 3,000. As lighting consultants, Brawner & Associates was hired to design, acquire and install lighting equipment that would improve the quality of lighting for video recording, I-Mag and telecast as well as live presentation.

Brawner & Associates installed over 100 ETC Source Four ellipsoidal fixtures, par 46 units, ChromaQ color scrollers, and a few High End Systems Studio Spot 575 fixtures. The design concept was to decrease the over-all video level to make the existing background more prevalent, design a smooth even field of light across the stage with higher quality fixtures, lesson the light spill and ambiance level on the video screens, and improve the backlight levels and angles. Multiple additions and adjustments to the background were made making it more versatile including the installation of camera candy P46 fixtures that when used with a star filter decorated some of the most common camera shots.

The moving lights allow versatility in the lighting of the services, musical performances and backgrounds. Several positions that did not exist had to be created for the addition of crucial backlight angles. A main upstage lighting position was created with 20" X 20" black box truss on CM chain hoists for the versatility and easier access to the moving light fixtures. In addition several other positions were created that required unique rigging and some custom steel fabrication to locate lighting units into their proper designed position.



The new lighting plot and equipment was re-configured and installed over four days followed by focus, video level checks and basic programming for use in their regular services. An ETC expression console was replaced with a new Hog 1000 console. This helped ease the programming of the new moving lights and allowed upgraded control options. The new system, combined with the existing house inventory of over 100 Par 64 cans, MR-16 strips, Altman 5 degree units and Intellabeams made for a nice improvement to the video pictures being created out of this beautiful worship facility.

Brawner & Associates will also be designing lighting and production managing a Christmas Pageant production for the Church this year with a substantial rental lighting package. The shows featuring sights and sounds of Christmas followed by a dramatic Life Of Christ Story with hundreds of actors & musicians will run Dec 7 – 10, 2003.

Donnie Brawner is also the Lighting Designer for the Dallas Christmas Festival at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas, TX.