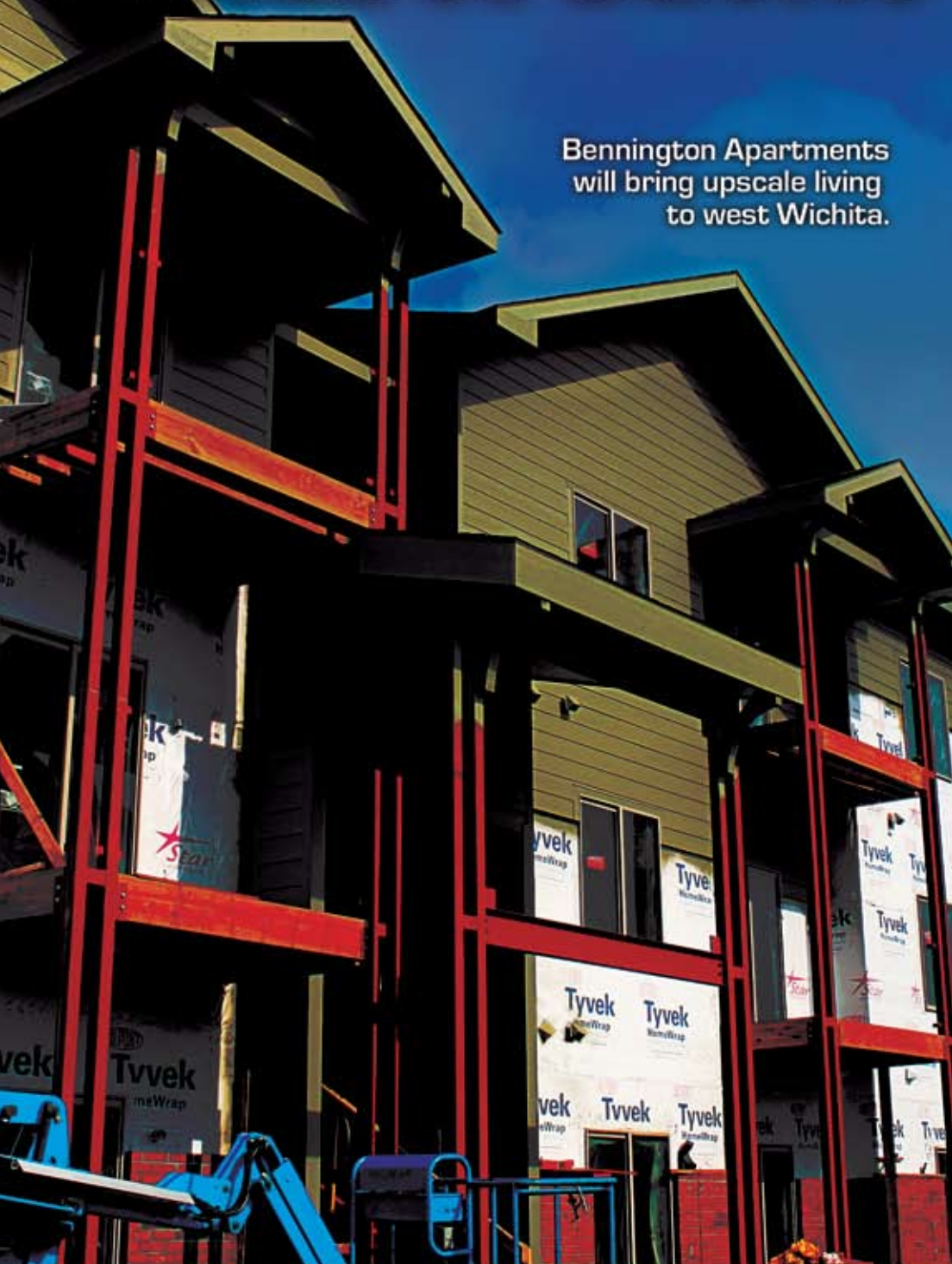


Collaborations

Bennington Apartments
will bring upscale living
to west Wichita.



BUILDING A COMMUNITY WITHIN A COMMUNITY.

Just a stone's throw away from one of the most bustling intersections in Wichita, a new apartment community is being created by Simpson Construction Services. The \$12 million complex at 21st and Maize will take a year to build and is a collaborative effort between the owner group, Simpson and its subs.

The complex features six buildings with three different building types. The brick exterior and entry gate fits the surrounding neighborhood aesthetic. A total of 138 one- and two-bedroom apartments are being built with square footage ranging from 740 to 1,100. The apartments tout upscale features such as granite countertops and hardwood simulated floors. Some have attached garages. Others have storage closets and detached garages.

The community clubhouse, with swimming pool, workout facility and gathering room for private parties, will provide residents a place to socialize with neighbors.

Mike Brand, owner representative and owner of Brand Plumbing, says the location was desirable for this type of a residence due to the proximity of services such as Dillons, Target, Warren Theater and approximately 25 restaurants and specialty shops.

"We feel like this is one of the best locations in Wichita for an upscale apartment complex," says Brand. "Rent will be reasonable for everything the tenants will get."

Brand says the project will be rolled out in phases. The first two buildings should be complete in March. He complimented Simpson's management which has kept the project moving forward on schedule. Brand is also pleased that Simpson has hired quality subs for the job such as Voegeli Concrete Construction, Ray's Electric, and Cook's Heating and Cooling.

"I've worked with Bobby for years," says Brand. "We put this project out to bid and Simpson had the best price. It's good they did. They have been great to work with and we have a good relationship so far." The entire complex will be complete in May 2013.

RENOVATION PROVIDES YOUNG ADULTS A FAITH-CENTERED GATHERING PLACE.

1965 was a year of firsts for Wichita State University: The men's basketball team made its first Final Four. Wheatshocker Hall welcomed its first occupants. And Chet Simpson built the campus's first church and fellowship center, St. Paul's Parish and Newman Center, where WSU students could stay connected with their Catholic faith.

The 14,000-square-foot building has remained unchanged since it was built by Simpson's founder. Now, the Catholic Diocese of Wichita chose Simpson Construction Services for the Newman Center Renaissance Project, an extensive facility renovation.

Uniquely shaped, the building's signature hexagon structure is being preserved. From the south side of WSU, students will see a new canopy and front entry welcoming them to the Newman Center.

The entire interior on the ground level was demolished to efficiently configure the facility, scheduled to be complete in mid-January 2013. Doubling the amount of chapel seats and ensuring ADA compliance are primary goals. Completing the new layout are four offices, a library, restrooms, storage and a classroom that converts to a cry room during Mass.

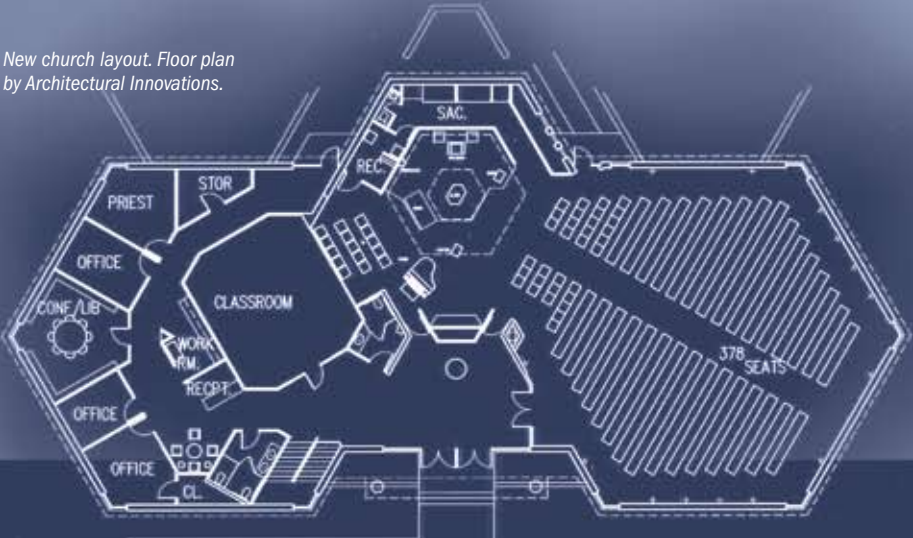
The original chapel was built at a time when St. Paul's was a very small parish. It wasn't designed for large groups to congregate. "God has blessed us with tremendous growth. We now have 40 families and over 130 active students," says pastor, Father John Hay.

St. Paul's Parish has a popular 7 p.m. Mass on Sunday's dubbed the "last chance Mass." This service attracts Catholics from all over Wichita who've missed Saturday evening and Sunday morning services. "At the 'last chance Mass' on Sunday, it's common to see students and parishioners lining the hallways," says Father John. "We want everyone to be able to gather together to worship and the Renaissance Project is making that happen."

In the heat of the summer, Simpson completed boiler room updates in the basement to ensure the new split-unit HVAC functioned properly throughout and provided maximum energy efficiency. Bringing mechanical units up-to-date and replacing single pane glass windows will save on the energy bills.

The remaining part of the lower-level Newman Center, currently being used for church administration and education, received minimal construction to accommodate new ductwork and fire sprinkler lines. Once construction is complete, the Newman Center will be restored to a gathering place for the students to grow socially, intellectually and spiritually.

*New church layout. Floor plan
by Architectural Innovations.*



JON SCOTT

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Simpson superintendent Jon Scott is a taskmaster. His approach – which he sheepishly calls bulldozing – effective as it may be at work – often doesn't go over well with his wife and four daughters.

Jon says the women in his life have softened him. Although you won't find him quizzing his co-workers about their personal life, he credits his girls for teaching him to be more approachable and outgoing. "I've been forced to learn to deal with feelings and emotions," he says with a weary smile.

In turn, Jon's taught his girls the benefits of independent thinking and finding daily challenges to keep growing, values he perfected throughout his 18 years in construction. During his first year at Butler County Community College, Jon got a part-time job at a civil construction firm. He learned the trade, moved up in the company, and spent 13 years as the #2 guy in the firm.

At Simpson Construction Services, Jon goes about his day in military style. He creates a plan, anticipates next steps, organizes his crews and then demands performance from



Jon Scott on the job at Catholic Care Center

those around him. This approach keeps jobs moving forward with minimal rework – his primary role as project superintendent.

Simpson Construction Services appealed to Jon's desire for challenges. Each day is different and there are constantly new things to learn to gain understanding of the entire project.

When Jon's not on the job he takes his taskmaster characteristics to the softball diamond where he has coached three teams of young girls to winning seasons.

On the rare occasion when he has time to get out of town, his family heads to Tablerock which is the one place Jon says he can abandon his regimented ways. But the bulldozer is never far away – simply waiting to be fired up.

Chalklines

A PARTIAL LIST OF CURRENT PROJECTS

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Architectural Innovations
<http://ourwichtacathedral.simpsonconst.com>

St. Paul's Parish and Newman Center at Wichita State University

Architectural Innovations
Construction Management

Via Christi Village Ridge Skilled Care Facility

GLMV Architecture
Construction Management
<http://viachristivillageridge.simpsonconst.com/>

Catholic Care Center Chapel

Design Build

American AgCredit – Salina

Design Build

McPherson Museum and Arts Foundation

Mann & Company
Construction Management

St. Joseph Pastoral Center

Architectural Innovations

Catholic Care Center – Unit 1

GLMV Architecture
Construction Management

USD 263 Mulvane

Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture
Construction Management
<http://usd263mulvane.simpsonconst.com/>

Bennington Place Apartments

Spangenberg Phillips Tice Architecture

GraceMed Clinic – Dodge Elementary

Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture

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THE CORNER OFFICE

KEEPING AN EYE ON CONTROLLED RISKS.

The construction business is fraught with risks that need managing – safety, cost, weather, commodities, design, storm water, technology, employee and human resources. We can't always control all of the risks but we do our best to mitigate whenever possible. Security of a building site and equipment is one of those risks.

The lukewarm economy coupled with the rise in value of resold metals has escalated theft on construction projects. Nothing is sacred. Copper, plumbing fixtures and raw framing materials continue to attract thieves. We're also keeping an eye on rising criminal behaviors such as chopping catalytic converters out of trucks, stripping down HVAC units, and stealing just about anything metallic.

We are doing everything we can to control loss and make it inconvenient for criminals to breach our jobsites. At each job, our on-site crews pay extra attention to custodial care. We work with our owners and the neighbors to keep a watchful eye. We consider nighttime lighting to discourage activity and provide visibility for neighbors to spot any suspicious activity. When necessary, fencing is installed on the job perimeter. Each evening, our crews check and double check to make sure tools and other items are put away and locked properly.

Technological advances have made it easier to track equipment and monitor jobsites. Many of our larger equipment units have GPS installed. A security team has been assembled to research the viability of video surveillance with motion sensors and off-site surveillance. This technology will quickly alert us and the police if a jobsite is compromised.

Everything in the industry is pointing to continued rise in criminal behaviors. Although we haven't seen a huge increase in crime on the Simpson jobsites, we're spending time and money to invest in proactive security management. This will help maintain low losses and ultimately benefit all parties involved in a construction project.



