



SAN MARINO COMMUNITY CHURCH CONSTRUCTION CORNER

First Impressions!

A courtyard is often the first thing you see. And indeed San Marino Community Church will be making it's first impression with its new and welcoming courtyard entrance when the fences come down sometime in January. Four magnolia trees, in poor health and location, were removed (thankfully before the windstorm took care of it for us!) to make room for a new focal point in the center of the courtyard where a new tree now sits - a 30 foot Southern Live Oak (*Quercus Virginiana*). After much research, this evergreen was selected for it's stately beauty, density and hardiness. Within a few short years, our new oak will span at least 40 feet across giving shade all year.

The north portico is almost complete with pre-casts and arches and stonework nearly in place. After installation of new irrigation, lighting and drainage systems, the courtyard cement foundation was poured with decorative travertine stone, olympic quartz, and other organic stone scheduled to be laid sometime before the new year. The hardscaping will also include a planter around the center tree allowing for a convenient seating area. Other planters flank the front entrance to the courtyard next to the sanctuary tower to the north, and the business office to the south. These planters will house more blooming ornamental trees, roses and other plants selected with the help of Larry Pastre's expertise.



The upstairs clergy offices are now occupied while awaiting finishing touches to the classrooms and choir rehearsal room. With the installation of it's state-of-the art audio/visual equipment, SMCC looks forward to further developing its educational programs. Furniture will complete the spaces for Sunday School, small groups, and adult education sessions which are currently transplanted to the Nursery School, Westminster Hall and Fellowship Hall. Come by and visit us!

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“Through the dust and disruption something new and exciting is emerging.”

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