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## Crossroads Church Children’s Building

Location: Grand Prairie, Texas  
Builder: Julian P. Barry Gen. Contr.  
Architect: HH Architects  
BT PM: Steve Press  
BT Estimator: Peter Dean  
Scope: Interior and exterior metal stud framing, drywall, insulation, acoustical ceilings, GFRG and acoustical wall panels.

“At Crossroads we want Sunday to be the best day of the week for everyone, especially children!”, statement from Crossroads Church website. Well, once your children enter the new Children’s Building, Sunday will probably be their best day of the week. This bright and beautiful new facility was quite the challenge for our drywall crews. Elaborate streetscapes needed great care and consideration to match the architects vision and design. Huge ‘trees’ in the lobby area were framed and sheetrocked, trunk and all. Acoustical panels were installed throughout the facility, 193 different panels were produced in different sizes and colors.

The most difficult design feature was located on the exterior roof, the church steeple. Sitting on a ‘barrel’ roof, the steeple proved to be quite the challenge for scaffolding and framing crews. Inside, the shaftwall construction around the elevator to the barrel roof necessitated a custom platform with self retracting life lines because the location would not allow safe access from a lift. Also, the tree layout was done ‘freehand’ because there were no dimensions to work from, the request from the builder and architect was, “make them look as much like real trees as possible.”

Even with all the detail and safety challenges, the crews worked safely with no reported accidents.

