

Featured - Community Church of Tellico Village



Newsletter 2021

Greetings!

What a year it has been for us all. With the break-out of covid-19, churches closed their doors and moved their worship service on-line. We were happy to see many used the pipe organ in their broadcasting. After several months, the churches are slowly opening up using social distancing. It has been interesting dealing with the various protocols of each state concerning covid-19. All of our customers have been flexible and understanding through this pandemic.

Here are a few projects that we would like to mention. -MOC



Church of the Assumption – Nashville, TN



On August 14, 1859, the Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop Richard Pius Miles dedicated a simple brick church to the honor of the Blessed Mother in North Nashville, an area populated by German immigrants called "Germantown". Those immigrants, who had gathered in North Nashville

during the 1830's and 40's, had dreamt of a church all their own - a church surrounded by German homes and businesses.

The immigrants had a new church, but because of a dearth of German speaking priests, they had to go to the new cathedral, St. Mary of the Seven Sorrows. Still, the community maintained its German heritage and identity through parish picnics, Labor Day fundraisers, and German social activities.

In mid-April, the Church of The Assumption was among several buildings seriously damaged by a tornado. The tornado's main path struck about 100 yards away. The storm destroyed the parish's north transept, sacristy, and rectory chimney. The winds also badly damaged the building's steeple and roof. Fr. Bede Price, pastor of the parish, was able to safely retrieve the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle, and he was uninjured in the storm.

The pipe organ suffered damage but is repairable. The church organist Albennia Ladieu found this historic Johnson organ in Valparaiso Indiana stored in a barn. Our firm installed the pipe organ in 1995, on its 100th birthday. The Johnsons were one of America's finest organ builders. The organ at Assumption Catholic Church is one of their best examples. This very well tonally designed ensemble instrument is a joy to hear and play.

We visited the church the day after the tornado. There was debris all over the streets and throughout the church. The organ needed to be removed so the building could be repaired. The Great division and front facades were removed and stored for the rehabilitation.



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West End United Methodist – Nashville, TN



West End United Methodist Church has the largest pipe organ in the state. It is a Moller, Opus 11616, from Hagerstown, MD. West End began as a mission of McKendree Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1869. Called West Nashville Mission, the congregation of 20 met in government barracks left over from the Civil War. The name became West End Mission in 1871 and the word "mission" was dropped in 1873, signifying independence from McKendree.

Recently, we found that many pedal pouches and bellows needed new leather. We were contracted to re-leather the pedal pouches and several bellows in the Positive division.



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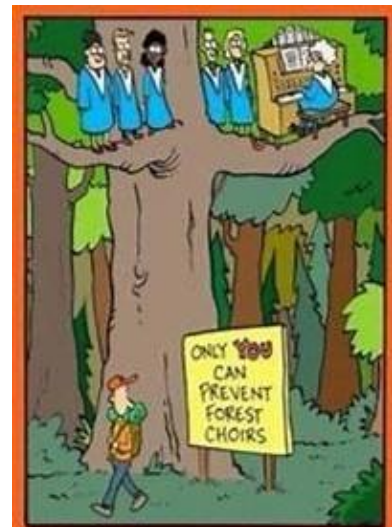


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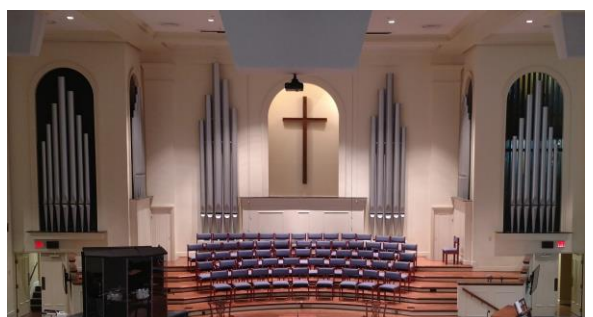
Trinity Presbyterian – Nashville, TN



Trinity Presbyterian is located in the beautiful area of Green Hills. We have serviced the Hillgreen/Lane pipe organ since 1982. The organist Reverend Will Berger heard air leaking from the organ. We found that the bellows in the Great and Swell division needed re-leathering. Removing the bellows was a little tricky through the front shades area. New internal and external hinges with thick gusset corners of goat leather were applied. Also, new fleece backed rubber cloth curtain valves were installed inside of the bellows. The Swell tremolo was also refurbished. At this point, the internal leather pouches are still performing well.



Calvary Baptist – Tuscaloosa, AL



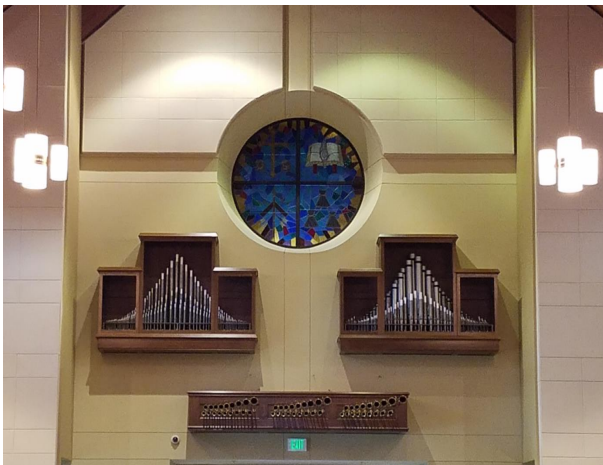
Tuscaloosa is much more famous for its Alabama football team than it is for its churches. Calvary Baptist is across from the football stadium and has many fans, too! They have a

large 1973 Opus 7784 Schlicker pipe organ. The organ has III manuals, 53 ranks, and 41 stops. It was built in Buffalo, New York. As a young man (18 years old) Dennis Milnar served a seven-year apprentice at Delaware Organ Company. Delaware was started by three top employees from the much larger Schlicker Organ Company, back in the 1950's.

During our last tuning visit, we noticed that the main drive bags of the two shade machines were leaking. The noise created by the leaking was noticeable from the console. The leaking caused the Swell and Positiv shades to not close all the way, limiting the organist's ability of expression. We proposed to send one technician to un-wire and remove both machines for refurbishing. We transported the machines to our shop facility for all new material. The noise is now gone, and the shades fully open and close properly.



Community Church of Tellico Village- Loudon, TN



The Community Church of Tellico Village was committed to having a pipe organ in their very large and beautiful new church. They heard about a 1862 Henery Eurban organ that was in storage in New York City. It was removed and stored by the Organ Clearing House from a Catholic church in Brooklyn. A dedicated and enthusiastic church group ventured to move the organ from storage in New York to a storage building in Loudon, TN.

In 2011, Cornel Zimmer built a new organ using the Henrey Eurban pipes as a foundation and a good used console. Unfortunately, the building has a great deal of sound absorbing materials on the walls. The sound of the organ is diminished for the congregation at the rear of the church.

We have had the organ under our care since 2013. The organist Mr. Fred Pogue expressed his disappointment with the organ not being able to give enough support in the back part of the building for congregational singing. This year we added a six rank Antiphonal division and a Trumpet En Chamade. Standing in the center of the room, the front and rear stops are well

balanced. The congregation in the rear seating no longer complain.



Helpful Tips!

- For the best tuning possible, remind the custodian the day before we come. The temperature should be as it is during your Sunday worship service. Always have the HVAC fan set on circulate.
- Make notes of problems as they occur and leave the list in your blue notebook.
- Call as early in the week as possible if you need a service call, to better secure a service call before the next Sunday service.
- Have your piano tuned to the organ. The organ is not tuned to the piano. Remember that the piano technician also needs the correct temperature and humidity.



McAfee Concert Hall – Nashville, TN



McAfee Concert Hall is located on the campus of Belmont University. Belmont has been on international TV by hosting the 2020 presidential debates. The III/55 Aeolian/Skinner at Belmont University has been in our care since it was installed in 1969. At that time, the building was functioning as a large local Baptist Church. After years of declining membership, the church was purchased by Belmont and plans were made to make it a concert hall. We removed the organ during the extensive renovation that included the sloping of the floor, raising the ceiling to the roof line and covering their large windows with additional 1" thick glass to enhance acoustics. The hall rivals the Schermerhorn Symphony Center for its glorious acoustic environment. Both venues employed the acoustic engineers of Akustiks, an acoustical consulting firm based in South Norwalk, Connecticut.

We made several improvements to the organ to include a new ICS-4000 solid state control system, moveable console platform with six plug-in locations. We had tonal issues because of the improved acoustics and had to decrease the volume of the mixtures, principals and the high-pressure Trumpet.

This past summer, we had a cipher on one of the Great primaries. The magnet armatures have gaskets made of pneumatic leather and they were failing. The new ones use thick paper as a gasket. We replaced all the old armatures.

Welcome to Our New Clients!



- Campbellsville Baptist – Campbellsville, KY
- First Baptist – Booneville, MS
- First Baptist – Trenton, TN
- West Jackson Baptist – Jackson, TN
- Brownsville Baptist – Brownsville, TN
- First United Methodist – Jackson, TN
- First United Methodist – Somerville, TN
- First United Methodist – Clinton, KY
- Wynne First United Methodist – AR
- Cenetary United Methodist – Memphis, TN
- First Presbyterian – Jackson, TN
- First United Methodist – McKenzie, TN
- Trinity Lutheran – Memphis, TN

FOR SALE!



Roy A. Redman tracker organ, 1987 opus 52, II manuals 13 ranks. The original builder was George Kilgen & Son CA. 1907. In 1987, the organ was re-configured to make room for a new Great IV Mixture. A new 8' Rohr Flute replaced the original Great 8' Melodia. In the Swell, the 8' Violin Diapason was replaced with a new 8' Trumpet. A new 2' Principal was installed replacing the 8' Celeste.

New casework, in the Kilgen style, was added to the sides. All pallets were re-leathered and all trackers were replaced with aluminum. A new ceiling for the Great division helps to project the sound of the entire organ. The end result is an organ that is capable of playing most types of music instead of being confined to the romantic period. Give us your best offer!

Great

8' Open Diapason
8' RohrFlute
4' Octave
IV Mixture

Swell

8' Stopped Diapason
8' Salicional
4' Flute Harmonic
2' Principal
8' Trumpet
Tremolo

Pedal

16' Bourdon
Radiating,
concave
pedalboard

Couplers

Swell to Great Octave (4')
Swell to Great
Great to Pedal
Swell to Pedal

Toe Paddles

Far left brings out the Full Swell
Left takes stops off except for 8' Stopped Diapason and Swell 8' Salicional
Right side next to Swell Pedal brings out Full Great
Far right takes all stops off except 8' Rohrflute

Organ size

Height: 15'-9"
Width: 12'

Keys

Manual = 61, Pedal = 30
Pedalboard is concave and radiating



This past summer, we removed the organ from First Presbyterian Church to make room for a new Casavant organ. We originally installed this organ in what is now called the Historic Presbyterian Church in Downtown Franklin, TN in 1978. A platform was built over the Choir to

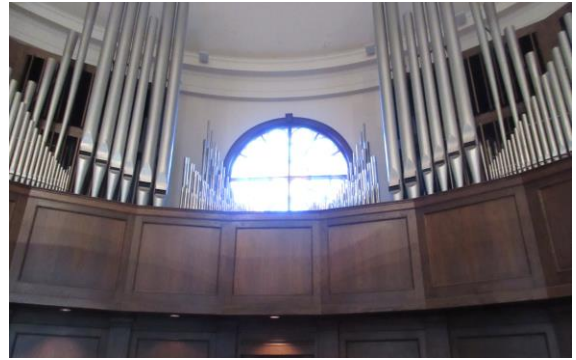
house the instrument. The space for the instrument was small and the stop list was limited.

When the First Presbyterian Church moved to its new location, we were able to work with the architects from the beginning of the design process. Baird Dixon of Nashville was very receptive to our suggestions. We ended up with a very acoustically live room with the organ above and behind the Choir, on the central axis of the room. We totally re-designed the organ both esthetically and tonally. The curved façade incorporates a new fifty-six note Pedal Principal and a new 8' Great Principal. We increased the Mixture to III ranks and added a new 8' Great Trumpet that extends to a full-length 16' Trumpet in the Pedal. The new capped Oboe in the Swell has a very warm sound. The console was enlarged and updated with multi-level solid-state memory. We had room under the organ floor and used it for the blower, tremolo and pneumatic action swell machine; resulting in a very quiet operation. Because of the organ location and the hard surfaces throughout the room, this modest size instrument had a commanding presence.

Specifications

Great	Swell	Pedal
8' Principal	8' Rhour flute	16' Principal
8' Bourdon	8' Viola	16' Subbass
4' Octave	8' Viola Celeste	16' Leiblic Gedeckt
4' Gedeckt	4' Wald Flute	8' Principal
2' Block Flute	2 2/3 Nasat	8' Bourdon
II Mixture III	2' Weit Principal	4' Choral Bass
8' Trumpet	2' Rohr Flute	4' Gedeckt
Chimes	8' Oboe	16' Trumpet
SW-GT 16	SW-SW 16	GT-PD
SW-GT 8	SW Unison	SW-PD
GT-GT 4	SW-SW 4	

Organ Pipes Available!



Almost like new pipes available from St. George's Episcopal Church in Nashville, TN. After a lengthy study of the liturgical settings and organ of the church, it was decided to do major renovations of the church and install a new pipe organ. The new pipe organ will be built by John Paul Buzard Organ Company.

The building will have many renovations as well as substantial acoustical enhancements. We have been taking care of their 85 rank Casavant organ for several years. The church invited us to remove as much of the organ as we wished. Due to covid-19, the church closed access to the sanctuary in early March and allowed us to have full use of the building. We brought our lunch and seldom had anyone visit for about two weeks.

We removed all the pipes and much of the organ. The pipes are in wonderful, like new condition. Several organbuilders have taken advantage of our very reasonable prices and availability.



More beautiful pipes are available from a 1968 Shantz organ that was removed this year from First United Methodist Church in Montgomery, AL. Thirty-three sets of pipes were removed and are ready to purchase from our website. Please visit our used pipe section for more information.