



Extreme Makeover: Home Edition
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DONAHUEFAVRET CONTRACTORS, INC. SELECTED TO RESTORE AND REPAIR 1ST EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH FOR “EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION” HURRICANE KATRINA SPECIAL

New Orleans, LA (February 19, 2006) - On February 19, Pastor Southall III and his 1200 member congregation of 1st Emmanuel Baptist Church learned they would receive a much-needed blessing. ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition will partner with DonahueFavret Contractors, Inc. to help repair, restore and make enhancements to their house of worship, which was badly damaged from Hurricane Katrina.

“We are really excited to be part of the rebuilding efforts in our community. Being a part of this show enables people across the nation to see that positive steps are being taken to restore the city of New Orleans,” Jack Donahue, President and CEO of DonahueFavret Contractors, Inc., said. “For as much as Pastor Southall and the congregation of 1st Emmanuel do to reach out to the community they care about so much, we are here to ensure that they can continue their efforts.”

When Hurricane Katrina swept through the city of New Orleans, 1st Emmanuel Baptist Church opened its chapel doors to those who sought refuge from the storm, until they were ordered to evacuate. While the 120 year-old church's strong structure survived, the roof of both the chapel and the gymnasium was damaged from the winds and rain. Water leaked in and created problems with plaster and drywall, the ceilings and the floors. Their bell tower was damaged, and their sign blown away. Because of the water that entered the facility there was also an issue with mold. It is because of these conditions, combined with the

fact that many members of the congregation are scattered across the country, that Pastor Southall fears many of their community programs will remain unable to function.

“When *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* approached us about doing the show, we immediately knew we wanted to be a part of this once in a lifetime opportunity,” Jack Donahue said. “DFC is dedicated to the rebuilding of New Orleans and helping those who help others is how you rebuild communities.”

DonahueFavret Contractors, Inc. will completely renovate the interior and exterior of 1st Emmanuel Baptist Church in 100 hours. DonahueFavret prides itself on a strong foundation, which is built on honesty, integrity, quality craftsmanship and timeliness of construction. Subcontractors and companies that support our work have donated their time, materials, and labor for this project. There has been an unbelievable outpouring of support from the community to help this very deserving church.

This special Hurricane Katrina episode of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* is scheduled to air on ABC-TV sometime in March.

About ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. David Goldberg is the president of Endemol USA. The series is executive-produced by Tom Forman. The show airs Sundays (8/7 c) on ABC Television Network.

About DonahueFavret Contractors, Inc.

DonahueFavret Contractors, founded in 1979 by President/CEO Jack Donahue, is a general contracting firm specializing in retail, healthcare and hospitality construction. With the home office located in Mandeville, LA, DFC is licensed throughout the entire Gulf coast region. Over the years clients have consistently selected DFC for their construction needs because of its reputation for quality work, timely completions and honesty. To learn more about DFC please visit www.donahuefavret.com.

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