

Marty Dickens, chairman of Belmont's board of trustees, discusses plans for the renovated concert hall, which is expected to be completed by May, PHOTOS BY J. MICHAEL KROUSKOP

## Belmont event celebrates new concert hall project

Dozens of Belmont University faculty and supporters celebrated the construction kickoff of Belmont University's concert hall last week.

The \$7 million renovation project is under way in the Belmont Heights Baptist Church sanctuary on Belmont Boulevard.

The university owns the building, and it soon will become a concert venue suitable for acoustic and other musical performances.

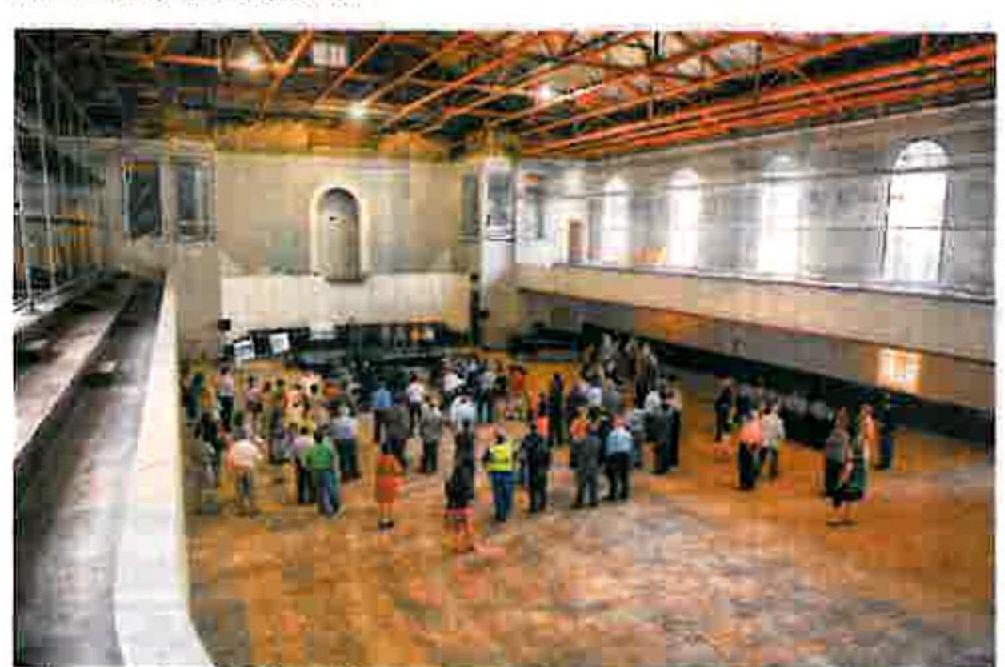
The McAfee family, lead donor on the project, provided the financial gift last fall.

Construction began this summer and will be completed by May. Mayor Karl Dean, Belmont President Bob Fisher and others were in attendance during the construction kickoff.

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Belmont University President Bob Fisher and Nashville Mayor Karl Dean, center, review construction on the concert hall.



Belmont employees and special guests take a tour of what soon will be the university's concert hall. The project at the Belmont Heights Baptist Church sanctuary will cost \$7 million.