

Pioneer Baptist Church has been located at 7600 Old Auburn Road, in Citrus Heights since 1975. The current 400 member congregation has experienced growth and the current facility is severely inadequate to accommodate the church's need for activity and classroom space. The current location also lacks parking, seating for parishioners and restroom accommodation. The proposed new 34,000 sf church building and grounds will better serve the church's vision for their ministry and better serve the community and continue to grow the congregation.

The new church location will provide a sanctuary, multi-purpose room and day care facilities. The usage of the building is proposed as follows:

Day	Activity	Time/Attendance
Sunday	Worship	9 am to Noon; 4 pm to 8 pm
Monday	Admin Office and Day Care	7 am – 6 pm 120 children and 8-10 staff
Tuesday	Admin Office and Day Care	7 am – 6 pm 120 children and 8-10 staff
Wednesday	Admin Office and Day Care Worship	7 am – 6 pm 120 children and 8-10 staff 6 pm to 9 pm
Thursday	Admin Office and Day Care	7 am – 6 pm 120 children and 8-10 staff
Friday	Admin Office and Day Care	7 am – 6 pm 120 children and 8-10 staff
Saturday	Occasional Afternoon Special Event (youth, wedding, community)	300 - 400

The project's design and site plan was developed over a number of discussions between the city, the applicant and specialized consultants to work through a variety of environmentally sensitive constraints including the proximity to the creek, drainage, access, and flood zone locations. As part of the development and construction phase for the Pioneer Baptist Church Project, the following actions will occur:

The general construction hours for the Project will be during the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8 p.m. weekdays and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Prior to the start of construction activity, the following actions will occur:

- All construction personnel involved in ground-disturbing activity will participate in an awareness training conducted by a qualified professional archaeologist, meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for prehistoric and historic archaeology. In addition, all ground-disturbing activity in the northern portion of the Project Area within 100 feet of the location of the previously extant building will be monitored by a professional archaeologist following the removal of compacted gravels and decomposing asphalt on the surface. Should any discoveries be made, appropriate post-review discovery procedures will be followed.
- If construction is to begin during the nesting season, February 1 through August 31, a nesting survey will be performed within 14 days of the start of construction. If active nests are found (raptors, songbirds or burrowing owl), a biologist will be consulted to establish a buffer zone. If construction occurs outside the nesting season, no survey will be completed.

- Prior to the start of construction, a biologist will be perform a focused survey for the pallid bat, northwestern pond turtle and rare plants will be performed. If any of these special species plants or animals are found, appropriate actions will be taken with the appropriate resource agency (CDF or USFWS) as directed by the consulting biologist.