

The Need Over the last fifty years, John Brown University has made significant improvements to the interiors of the Cathedral of the Ozarks, the Engineering Building, and the Art Building. JBU added a balcony to the Cathedral sanctuary and provided a facelift to the first floor of the classroom wing. Lab space and classrooms were added in the Engineering building, and the interior of the Art facility was recently renovated.

JBU has not, however, had the opportunity to systematically address the exterior deterioration and the antiquated mechanical systems of these buildings. Instead, JBU has utilized provisional solutions by temporarily patching the exteriors, piecing together HVAC systems, and putting up with inconveniences. The roofs of the Cathedral Group buildings and their stained concrete walls are deteriorating, putting the interiors of these facilities at risk for moisture penetration and mold. Moreover, the classrooms and faculty offices in the Cathedral Group need to be renovated to bring these areas of learning up to the standard set by our newer facilities.

JBU must now address these needs in a thorough and comprehensive fashion. The scope of this project will address these vital areas of concern as well as integrate the founder's original vision for the Cathedral Group to be protected from the elements by sealing the concrete blocks and cladding the exterior walls with a limestone facing.

The Results Students, faculty members, and visiting alumni will all benefit in tangible ways from the improvements made in this project. For years to come, JBU alumni and friends will enjoy the benefits of an efficient heating system, and students and faculty will no longer need to worry about moisture seeping into offices or classrooms when it rains. Our students are now able to have reliable technology in their classrooms and

the faculty have full use of effective office spaces. They are able to complete and enjoy the work of JBU—the educating of head, heart, and hand—in buildings that best facilitate their work. This project not only provides for our current students and faculty, but also ensures that the Cathedral Group buildings, built by many of our alumni, will serve generations to come at John Brown University.

