

# Application Story

## McLean Bible Church



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### Enhancing the message with state-of-the-art video installation

Being a part of McLean Bible Church means being part of a vision - a vision to impact lives through the lifechanging message of Jesus Christ. Founded in 1961, McLean Bible Church is a non-denominational church committed to impacting secular Washington D.C. with the message of Christ. Drawing close to 9,500 worshipers a weekend, McLean's is making an impact in their services with Christie.

A total of 23 projectors, including the acclaimed Christie XP2000 projector - the first ever installed in a religious institution - are now part of the worship services at McLean's in the main church auditorium, the church lobby and a smaller auditorium.

Occupying 51 acres in total, the church campus includes parking for 2,500 cars. The main church, nearly 279,000 square feet, holds 2,400 people with a stage dominated by a 30' projection screen used with the Christie XP2000 and two 24' wide screens on either side, illuminated by a pair of Christie Roadie S12s. Alternatively, two edge-blended Christie Roadster S9 projectors project onto a 32' screen for large screen setups in lieu of the Christie XP2000. Additional screens at the midpoint of the auditorium feature Christie RoadRunner LX100s. The adjacent auditorium, the "Smith Center" holds up to 1,200 people. It features a 19' wide center screen and two 12' wide side screens, each using Christie RoadRunner LX100s and Christie RoadRunner L6s. Wherever possible, native 16:9 HD sources are displayed.

Due to the broadcast quality lighting requirements, it was necessary to have a projector that could punch through the high ambient light levels and produce a high quality image on a brightly lit stage. In addition, McLean's required High-Definition projection. The 2048x1024 native resolution of the XP2000 was unmatched by any other projector in producing excellent picture quality.

"The congregation demands excellent picture quality. Most of them frequent local cinemas to watch movies in theatres that are less than a year old with 40' screens. We wanted their projection experience at church to be the same one they experience on Friday night at the movies. We wanted the projection to be completely transparent and captivating. The Christie XP2000 allows us to connect with the congregation in

#### Customer:

McLean Bible Church

#### Location:

Vienna, Virginia

#### Industry/Market:

Houses of Worship

#### Project:

Upgrading main church auditorium, smaller auditorium and church lobby with projection equipment

#### Products:

##### Main auditorium:

- Christie XP2000 Projector, downstage, 30' screen
- Edge-blended Christie Roadster S9s, upstage on 32' screen
- 2 Christie Roadster S12s, stage side, 24' screens
- 2 Christie RoadRunner L6s, stage teleprompting on 14' screen
- 6 Christie RoadRunner LX100s
- 2 Christie LX25s

##### Smith Center:

- Christie RoadRunner LX100, on 19' stage screen
- 2 Christie RoadRunner L6s stage side on 12' screen
- Christie RoadRunner L6 over house on 10' screen

##### Meeting rooms:

- Christie LX35, Christie LX37, Christie LX20s

#### Challenges:

Solution had to meet specific needs for power, brightness, reliability and versatility of use

#### Results:

Installation of a comprehensive Christie projection system solution, monitored and controlled by ChristieNET™ networking

new and exciting ways," explained Dave Schatzman, Technical Director, McLean Bible Church.

"We were using some Christie projectors for six months and finally upgraded all our remaining systems to Christie. Christie offers a greater diversity of products to meet our precise needs in terms of power, brightness, reliability and versatility of use." Schatzman added.

A networking solution monitors and controls all the projectors, giving McLean's total control, access and security. Now, Schatzman never has to spend time anticipating projection lamp issues - he simply gets an email when it's time to change light bulbs. Another important factor in the decision to standardize with Christie was their exceptional service and support. Christie technicians are always very helpful, pleasant and knowledgeable.



In addition to offering some of the country's most dazzling multimedia religious presentations, McLean Bible Church features educational and bible study groups, programs to feed the homeless and help families in need. The church also runs an international ministry sending volunteer teams to more than 20 countries every year. Located just outside of Washington D.C., the church attracts politicians, diplomats, CEOs and other high level visitors. It's rated among the fastest growing churches in the United States.

One of our core values – everything we do for Christ must be done with excellence – also applies to how we deliver the teachings of Jesus," says Schatzman. "Christie provides the level of quality and performance we need to help us communicate with the greatest impact."

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