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Pioneer Truss Company of Owensville, MO, used trusses to spread Christmas cheer at their local 1st Baptist Church. They created a four-tier, 24-ft. tall platform out of pre-fabricated floor trusses that held 32 singers for their living Christmas tree performances at the church this holiday season.

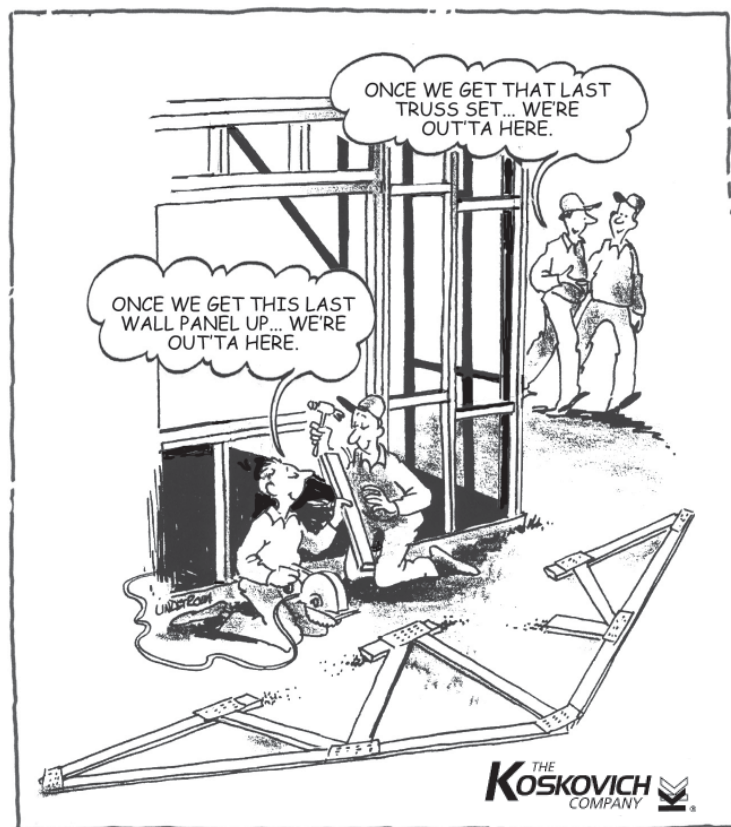
This unique project came about because Pastor David Robertson had created a similar stick-framed platform at his previous church in California, and approached Chris Lenauer (owner of Pioneer Truss) with the idea to use pre-fabricated trusses. Chad Sieker was the technician who worked with Pastor Robinson to bring this tree to life.

"The tree is rock solid," commented Lenauer. "There is absolutely no movement when you walk on it." The fact that the tree held 32 singers without

swaying an inch is certainly a testament to the structure's stability.

This unique Christmas tree isn't all that Pioneer Truss has built for the church. The company recently built 24-inch deep floor trusses for a stage for the youth band, as well as a stair stepped truss for 8'x10' bleachers for the youth room. Everything was made in eight-foot sections so that they can be easily taken apart and re-assembled.

The tree was also made in sections so that it can be stored easily, as the church plans to bring it back to life each year. Thanks to the generosity of Pioneer Truss, the holiday season will be extra special for many years to come. **SBC**



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