



First Presbyterian Church Eases Facility Management with the Cloud

Integrating Brivo's Access Control to Remotely Secure Your Place of Worship



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

First Presbyterian Church (FPC) integrated Brivo and eSPACE to alleviate the nuances of a manual lock and key access control system. With the new cloud-based system, FPC regains valuable time of employees, eases operations and creates an enhanced member experience.

THE CHALLENGE

Mike Lauter is the Director of Operations at First Presbyterian Church in Douglasville, GA. First Presbyterian Church is a house of worship that connects with its members through in-person and virtual worship and offers different service types including contemporary and traditional. Simply put, FPC is a place for everyone. Mike's department priorities include bookkeeping, facilities management, staff management and safety of their members and guests. First Presbyterian started out on a lock and key system that facilities staff had to manually lock and unlock doors, causing employees to spend hours per week on tedious tasks.

THE CHOICE

Using their previous HVAC and access controller, the staff was only able to schedule seven days in advance at the most. This resulted in the operations team dedicating over an entire weekday (8+ hours) to manually schedule HVAC and access control.

"For churches with lock & key - do it in phases. First, get the scheduling and then build off of that,"

-Mike Lauter, Director of Operations at First Presbyterian Church

Through the support of their security partner, eSPACE was installed to integrate with the Brivo system to allow for remote management of HVAC and access control duties.

THE CHANGE

Once Brivo and eSPACE were integrated, the facility managers could easily see and manage both HVAC and door schedules in less than fifteen minutes a week.

Mike's team saw at least five hours a week saved on door scheduling, not including changes made throughout the week or those that needed to be manually updated as events change. The time that the Brivo and eSPACE system brought back allows Mike to now focus more on his ministry and the operational requirements of the growing church.

Mike encourages churches that are still on lock and key systems without the benefits of eSPACE, to think about the long term benefits for the church: improving the member experience, the enhanced safety of your facility, and more efficient operations.

"We couldn't afford to hire somebody to do all the locking, unlocking and HVAC maintenance, so the automation has been a game changer for our team," - Mike Lauter, Director of Operations at First Presbyterian Church

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