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**S**OMETIMES CIRCUMSTANCES force a remodel before the customer is ready. That's the case with the Callahans, who live in a Mediterranean-style house on James Island. The family had lived in the house about four years and had wanted to redo the kitchen, someday. When an icemaker leaked all over the kitchen, someday got moved up to the present.

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Classic Remodeling had done a project for the family a few years earlier, so it was natural for the Callahans to call owner Bob Fleming again.

Classic Remodeling will have been in business 26 years in August, and provides full service remodeling, from screen porches and decks to kitchens, baths and room additions.

"With remodeling, it's just a totally different way we function. We're in the client's home with their pets and their kids and all their belongings, interacting with the client every day, which is helping us control that expectation from beginning to end," Fleming says.

In the Callahan home, project consultant Krista Scheider says the icemaker leak required replacing the floor and subfloor, but at least it provided the opportunity for some improvements the family wanted.

"We pulled out all the existing cabinets and we worked with the interior designer to make it really open. We added a huge island with six barstools around the island so the whole family can sit in the kitchen. They definitely like to cook a lot and they like to have everybody in there with them," Scheider said.

The island is set up for teens who like to be connected to their technology.

"We did these cool outlets that recess down into the island countertop with USB ports and power, so the girls can sit there with phones and iPads and hang out in the kitchen. And we ran speakers in there, put a TV in the kitchen, and solar shades. They basically live and breathe in that kitchen," Scheider says.

The kitchen also features a coffee station with a built-in coffee maker, and a china hutch so the Callahans can display some of their nicer pieces.

"A full kitchen remodel such as this one can take 10-12 weeks, and we offer a one-stop shop where clients can pick out everything they need for the remodel," Fleming says.

"I love working with the client to change from something old and outdated, and then you get to the end and you transform their whole living space," Fleming says. "We become part of the family. I have clients tell me, 'I'm glad you're done, but I'm sorry to see you leave.'"

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