

First Baptist Church of Jacksonville Worship Center



Client/Contact:

*First Baptist Church of Jacksonville
124 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202
Dr. Mac Brunson, Senior Pastor
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Location:

Jacksonville, Florida

Project Size:

95,000 SF

Completion Date:

June 1981

Construction Cost:

\$4,300,000

Principal-in-Charge:

William K. Rinaman, AIA



Program/Challenges

First Baptist Church of Jacksonville was comprised of a collage of properties in the downtown area, north of the City core. The Church was in need of a larger worship center and a central unifying architectural element. Project Architect William K. Rinaman set out to help the church to realize its goals.

Solution

The First Baptist Church project provides a 3,000 seat auditorium on a restricted site in the center of Jacksonville with full color television and studio recording capabilities. Parking and public access to the facilities on Sunday and Wednesday nights as well as other times during the year required the design to permit access to and from the building on all sides.

The building design incorporates stair towers at each corner of the property for future connection of skywalks which may be developed. The First Baptist Church owns a number of buildings in the blocks adjacent to this area as well as parking lots. The initial construction provided the first over street covered pedestrian walk in the City of Jacksonville which connects the main administrative and the modernized Sunday School Building with the new auditorium area. This skywalk was developed

through special ordinance by the City of

Jacksonville and within the requirements of the
Florida Department of Transportation.

