

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF INDIAN ROCKS – NEW WORSHIP CENTER LARGO, FLORIDA

NATURE OF WORK
PROGRAMMING
CONCEPT DESIGN AND
PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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COMPLETED
2005

TOTAL COST
\$13,100,000

PROJECT SIZE
62,000 GSF

% OF WORK
100%

AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH, LAFFERTY HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT IN MANY FORMS – FROM ITS START TO FUTURE COMPLETION. LAFFERTY PREPARED THE DESIGN PROGRAM AND THE CONCEPTUAL SCHEMATIC DESIGN / DESIGN CRITERIA PACKAGE FOR THE 3200-SEAT WORSHIP CENTER THAT RECEIVED AN OVERWHELMING 97% APPROVAL VOTE BY THE CONGREGATION.

THE CONCEPT DESIGN WAS PRESENTED IN A SERIES OF SMALL MEETINGS USING BOARDS AND POWERPOINT AS WELL AS A 5-MINUTE ANIMATED VIDEO FLY-AROUND AND WALK-THROUGH THE BUILDING. THIS WAS SHOWN ON THE BIG SCREENS TO ENABLE EVERYONE TO VISUALIZE THE BUILDING IN A WAY THAT THEY COULD BEST UNDERSTAND IT. THE PROJECT IS A LARGE 3200-SEAT PERFORMANCE-ORIENTED AUDITORIUM, WITH SLOPED FLOORS, THEATER SEATING, IMAGE MAGNIFICATION, SOUND AMPLIFICATION, RECORDING, BAPTISTERY, AND STAGE. THIS BUILDING IS NOW THE SECOND-LARGEST ENCLOSED AUDITORIUM IN PINELLAS COUNTY. (THE LARGEST IS TROPICANA FIELD.)

LAFFERTY SERVED AS THE OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PROJECT, COMPLETED ON TIME AND ON BUDGET, AND HAS RECEIVED A "NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD" BY THE TILT-UP CONCRETE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

