User Friendly Church Facilities

Space that WORKS for your church….

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Establish Priorities:

1. Quality, Balanced Growth Space
   - Worship
   - Education
     • Preschool
     • Children
     • Youth
     • Adults
   - Parking

2. Fellowship Hall

3. Welcome Center, Restrooms

4. Music Rehearsal Suite

5. Recreation/Gym

6. Administration Space

7. Etc.
User-Friendly Church Facilities

- Financially Feasible
- Meets Ministry Needs
- Balanced
- Functional
- Understandable
- Inviting
- Fellowship-oriented
- Flexible
Design Checklist

For User Friendly Church Facilities
• Develop a church growth & ministry-driven master plan.

• Go beyond mere architecture or engineering driven site plan

• MORE THAN JUST BUILDING PLACEMENT!
• Look at each phase as a part of the long range whole

• Avoid a collection of independent “stand alone” structures
The Milton Springs Church was desperately in need of a master plan.
A Concourse Connector Arrangement
Harps Crossing Baptist Church,
Fayetteville, GA
Master Plan/Affiliated Construction Documents
Grace Chapel
Franklin, TN
Master Plan/ Construction Documents
• Consider People as they Park, Enter, Circulate

• Avoid barriers, confusion, “maze-like” conditions
First Baptist Church,
Covington, LA
- Relocation
First Baptist Church,

Longview, WA

Master Plan/Construction Documents
First Baptist Church, Biloxi, MS Relocation
Alley Closure Transformation
Franklin Avenue Baptist Church

New Orleans, LA
Alley Closure Transformation
• Provide Parking based on what People require...

...rather than what government regulations require!
• Plan for grouping by age and function for ease of orientation

...Instead of a jumbled hodgepodge which fosters a sense of discomfort and uneasiness
PRESCHOOL

CHILDREN

YOUTH

F'SHIP & ADULTS

WORSHIP & ADULTS
PRESCHOOL SPACE
PRESCHOOL SPACE
YOUTH / CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SPACE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH    SPARTANBURG, SC
MASTER PLAN / CONCEPT DESIGN WITH NEAL-PRINCE ARCHITECTS
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MASTER PLAN / CONCEPT DESIGN WITH NEAL-PRINCE & PARTNERS
• Plan for Multiple Scheduling for Optimum Stewardship of Property & Financial Resources

...Instead of building obstacles to growth and effective ministry
• Plan for Flexible spaces

...Rather than allowing current practices to dictate your church’s future
Multi-Purpose Gym space in Recreation Configuration

Flat Creek Baptist Church  Fayetteville, GA
Multi-Purpose Gym space in Assembly Configuration

Flat Creek Baptist Church  Fayetteville, GA
First Baptist Church,
Jonesboro, GA         Rec Facility
First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, GA - Rec Facility
• Make sure that you take care of the basic fundamentals: Worship, Education, Parking

• And at the same time be willing to risk thinking outside the box
Lenexa Baptist Church,
Lenexa, KS - Master Plan, A&E, Multiple Phases
Lenexa Baptist Church,

PHASE 1

PHASE 2

PHASE 3
Lenexa Baptist Church,
Lenexa, KS - Master Plan, A&E, Multiple Phases

Atrium Lobby

Worship Center
Lenexa Baptist Church

Lenexa, KS - Master Plan, A&E, Multiple Phases
First Baptist Church	Ruidoso, NM
Exterior Concept Aerial View
First Baptist Church,

Thomaston, GA

Construction Documents
Rutland Chapel,
LifeWay Conference Center at Ridgecrest, NC
Master Plan/Construction Documents
Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church,
Knoxville, TN
Construction Documents
Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church,
Knoxville, TN  Construction Documents
First Baptist Church,
Cowan, TN  Relocation
Construction Documents
First Baptist Church,
Smyrna, TN
Relocation/Construction
Documents
View of proposed Church Recreation Outreach Center & Main Entrance from Southeast

Flat Creek Baptist Church

Fayetteville, GA
Garden Courtyard / Outdoor Terrace at Recreation Outreach Center

Flat Creek Baptist Church ___________________________ Fayetteville, GA

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Lobby Welcome Center / Game Area in Recreation Outreach Center

Flat Creek Baptist Church

Fayetteville, GA
Connection Café,
Bellevue Baptist Church,
Nashville, TN           Master Plan/Worship Building Construction Documents
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH                 GRAY, GA
A well defined entrance to the Lobby / Welcome Center
A warm, inviting entry lobby / Welcome Center
An example of a quality youth environment
Some other entrances with arrival canopy.

Brick Wall material with split face block accents
Choose a building style that will help communicate your message....

.... and relate to your target community
Kings Baptist Church,
Vero Beach, FL
Construction Documents/Worship Center
Kings Baptist Church,
Vero Beach, FL

Construction Documents/Worship Center

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Green Valley Baptist Church,
Henderson, NV
Worship & Education Building
Master Plan/ Construction Documents
Bethany Baptist Church,
Horton, AL  Master Plan/ Worship Center
Construction Documents
First Baptist Church,
Biloxi, MS        Relocation/Construction Documents
West Hills Baptist Church
Lebanon, TN

Master Plan/Construction Documents
An example of a “meeting house style” in an agrarian setting
Note materials, integration into natural setting
A well designed Chapel space can support a variety of medium sized functions, primarily focused on the adult age group.
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- Rules of Thumb
- Articles
- Books
- Resources
- Building knowledge and experience
Quote to remember:

• “We shape our buildings, and afterwards our buildings shape us”

Winston Churchill
October 23, 1943
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