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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VOTES TO OVERHAUL FACILITIES, "RIGHT-SIZE" CAMPUS

Jacksonville, FL, September 8, 2019 – First Baptist Church voted Sunday morning to overhaul its downtown campus, downsizing the footprint of its facilities from 10 city blocks to just one. The plan, presented by Senior Pastor Dr. Heath Lambert, consolidates all educational, meeting, and parking space to the block anchored by the historic Hobson Auditorium, located at 124 W. Ashley Street. The project is expected to take 18-24 months and will be a \$30 million undertaking.

After an extensive renovation, the Hobson Auditorium will once again serve as the church's main worship space. The adjacent Administration and Lindsay buildings will be revamped to create state-of-the-art educational, gathering, and administrative spaces. No decisions have been made at this time concerning the sale of property, and additional information can be found at fbcjax.com/thestorycontinues as it becomes available.

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About First Baptist Church – For more than 175 years, First Baptist Church of Jacksonville has been sharing and showing the gospel of Jesus Christ to Jacksonville and the surrounding communities. Led by Senior Pastor Dr. Heath Lambert, First Baptist Church of Jacksonville offers sound Biblical teaching and preaching, age-appropriate programming, a variety of ministry and discipleship opportunities, and dynamic worship at our downtown and Nocatee campuses.