# Mount Zion African Methodist-Episcopal Church of Jacksonville

Located in the “Church District” of downtown Jacksonville, the current structure was built in 1902. It was a replacement for the previous structure (burned in the 1901 fire) that had been built in 1890 in Gothic style. The current Church is in the Romanesque Revival style. The architects were J.B. Carr of Birmingham and Francis Norton of Jacksonville (1).

The stained Glass windows, of which there are several, appear to be of type where sections of glass are composed into an overall pattern, then painted and kiln fired for the finer detail. The glass on East wall appears to be Jesus praying in Garden of Gethsemane. On South wall [and partially obscured by balcony] is Jesus as Good Shepherd. On West wall is Jesus resurrected and appearing to Mary Magdalene. The Oculus window on North wall appears to be a portrait of Richard Allen, First Bishop to the A.M.E. Churches.

The scriptural quote on North wall is as said by Jesus in John 6:37 (2)

Architecture: the building is considered a classic in the Romanesque Revival style with “its steeply-pitched gable-on-hip roof, red brick exterior wall fabric, buff brick quoins, arched windows ... and its two towers.”(3,p1) A one-story addition was added to the North side (3,p2) The ceiling of the Sanctuary is ornamented with pressed tin. The pipe organ was added in 1905 (3,p3)

Sources:

1) “Jacksonville Architectural Heritage” by Dr. Wayne Wood

2) King James Version of John 6:37

3) National Historic Register, registration form dated Nov 16th, 1992.

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