

First Baptist Church

Columbus, Indiana

Architect: Harry Weese



Symbols of Faith

The Building has a Castle/Fortress motif evident in the front entrance moat/bridge and the curved brick walls. It reflects the Christian belief of "A Mighty Fortress is our God."



The Front Entrance leads to a low ceiling Narthex, intended to create the feeling of lowliness and humility as preparation for worship.



Sanctuary Entrance – The lowliness/humble feeling continues through the open doors as one enters and approaches their first view of the sanctuary creating a great contrast for the worshiper.

The Sanctuary – As the worshiper moves from under the low ceiling and climbs the steps to the sanctuary, the gaze rises to the 40' ceiling. This contrast creates a sense of wonder and awe.



Lighting – No visible windows look out into the world to create a distraction. Only the windows over the chancel bring light in from above reminding the worshiper of the One who is the "Light of the world." The building is positioned so that the sun rising in the east floods the wall with light during the worship hour.

The "Pierced Wall" which separates the choir from the chancel is symbolic of the rending of the temple veil following the crucifixion of Christ, announcing that each person now has access to God. It reflects the Baptist theology of the "Priesthood of all believers."

The Wall has three crosses of brick designed into the construction that are subtle to the worshiper.

The suspended wooden cross at the center of the wall highlights the centrality of the cross in providing salvation.

The Baptistry - The curved lower wall to the right is the baptistry. Baptism by immersion is at the core of Baptist theology.

The Pulpit where the Word of God is proclaimed is slightly elevated, not merely for better viewing, but to highlight the importance of preaching the Word of God.



The Communion Table is centered under the cross for additional emphasis of the centrality of the body and blood of Christ which provides salvation for the world. Communion is served the first Sunday of every month.

Come Worship With Us
Sunday 9:30 am

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