

## **Choosing a Color Scheme for Your Church**

There are several factors to keep in mind when selecting colors for your church's interior. Whether choosing design themes for a new church or updating obsolete fashions for your current church, colors are more important than you might think.

First, it is important to decide on a "trademark" color scheme for your building. Once these colors are established, they should be used frequently--but not excessively-throughout the church building (e.g., a light tan paired with burgundy). A 3D model of your future church building is especially useful when choosing interior finishes and color schemes.

Another thing to keep in mind is the purpose of the room. In the sanctuary, do you want to communicate transcendence through your colors? Neutrals are safe, but if used too often, can be quite boring. Perhaps you could use a neutral base color and then add bright accents. Bold colors conjure up certain images in people's minds. For example, reds, violets, and blues often communicate the idea of majesty. Green expresses health and new life.

By thoughtfully selecting tasteful color schemes, you can help create a more worshipful atmosphere in your church.

>>Click here to watch a 3D model virtual tour video created for Abundant Life Church.

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