



**Greater Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church
Indianapolis, IN**

The limited available building area presented one of the design and construction challenges for this 750 seat Sanctuary addition. Building codes required on-site storm water detention. The church wanted to maximize seating so we needed to build right up to the setback limits, leaving no room for a pond. The solution was an underground storm water detention system consisting of over 600 linear feet of 4 foot diameter pipe and a filter system which temporarily hold water and release it into the city sewer system at a controlled rate.

The addition consists of 650 congregational seats, plus 25 on the large platform and a choir of 81. The Sanctuary floor slopes to a large altar area and acoustic clouds are suspended above each seating area. The addition includes a large Foyer with a 20' ceiling that connects the original building foyer to the new addition. A perimeter corridor around the entire Sanctuary provides easy access around the building without entering the Sanctuary. The Nursery has a large one-way glass window looking into the Sanctuary.

Off the perimeter corridor are two Guest Waiting Areas, Secretaries' Office, a large office for the Pastor with a private outside entrance. The Pastor's Office connects to a Private Full Bath, Work/Storage Room, and to a large Conference Room. The Conference Room features a kitchenette with a Sink, Microwave, Refrigerator, and Half Bath. A Finance Office also adjoins the Conference Room, and an Associates Office is nearby. The Audio/Visual Room is large and is located on the second floor at the rear of the Sanctuary.

The second floor area behind the Platform includes five baptismal Dressing Rooms, two full Bathrooms, a Laundry/Storage Room, a Mechanical/Storage Room, and a 1,000 s.f. Mechanical/Multi-Purpose Room. The Baptismal is located above the Choir and is easily accessed by stairs on each side of the platform. Video Projection screens are located on the angled stair walls on each side of the platform. A Second Phase of the project will include renovation of the existing church and expansion of the parking areas adjacent to the new addition.





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