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'Christian Chapel'

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The Noblesville Christian Church traces its origin to Dec. 21, 1834, and the first building used for the church was a long log cabin structure built in 1829. William Conner had given the Baptist Church a church site located at the northwest corner of Cherry and Ninth streets. The Baptist and Christian (at the time "Church of Christ") Churches merged in 1835. A frame church building was erected on the site in 1839. The Church of Christ then divided in 1854 and a faction organized as "Christian Chapel" built a new brick church across the street from the original church. This is the church featured in the photograph.



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This church was used from 1855 until 1897. It was then demolished and a new impressive brick church was built in 1898 on the same site (southeast corner of Maple Avenue and Ninth Street) and the congregation was called the "First Christian Church." This building was used until July 16, 1989, and the church then moved into their current structure at the corner of Greenfield Avenue and Herriman Boulevard.

The downtown First Christian Church building was sold to Ray Adler in 1989 and it is now the 'Adler Building' and is being used as a commercial office building. The cornerstone of the 1855 church building is imbedded in the north foundation of the original dining room of the church building. The 1858 bell, used in the Christian Chapel and in the 1898 church, has been incorporated into the steeple of the current church.

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