

Assumptions Guiding the Master Planning and Phase One Processes

- 1.) God is faithful, and we can trust Him even when (not if) circumstances get difficult, we don't have an answer, and something doesn't make sense. We want God to be glorified during the process and with the outcome as we trust Him to do what we can't do in our own power!
- 2.) The relocation is about faith building not just facility building!
- 3.) Prayer is the most important part of this process.
- 4.) We will remain open to the Holy Spirit.
- 5.) The relocation is not about re-creating the past but about moving toward the future. We will need to be careful, especially in Phase One, about attempting to compare what we will have to what we once had. We need to be careful about falling into a "wasn't it better Egypt" mentality (Exodus 16:3, 17:3, etc.).
- 6.) We will have multiple worship services on Sunday morning. The reason for this includes the following:
 - a. It allows us to have different musical stylings and reach different people.
 - b. It enables us to better steward our facilities in that we are using the worship center multiple times instead of just one time a week.
 - c. It will cost less to build a worship center used multiple times because it will not be as much square footage.
 - d. It prepares the church for the different seasons a church will face. How many of us know of churches that built huge sanctuaries in the latter half of the 20th century that struggle with having a critical mass of people in the Sunday morning worship service because they are going through a down season? While we hope our church never goes through another down season, having a smaller worship center that can be used multiple times helps the church prepare if there is ever a season where we struggle with critical mass on Sunday morning.
 - e. It keeps us open to a growth focus. We don't want to limit ourselves to the space of one worship service. Having multiple services provides more space and opportunities for growth.
- 7.) As we move into discussing the design aesthetic of the building, we will be looking for a "timeless" aesthetic that is not easily labeled "contemporary" or "traditional."
- 8.) We hope this process will not be viewed primarily through the lenses of the frustrations associated with the previous location attempts. We realize this is easier said than done, but we hope this will be approached as a fresh opportunity for our church.

- 9.) We realize that everyone may be feeling different about the relocation. Some may be processing the relocation through the lenses of loss (i.e. loss of routine, loss of what I know, loss of the important memories that have taken place in our current buildings, etc.). We recognize that these emotions are real, are sensitive to these, and will provide a process as we get closer to moving that will help us process any feelings of loss. Our prayer is that we'll ultimately process the relocation through the lenses of gain. As we go through the ups-and-downs of the relocation process, we hope that'll we'll never lose sight of what gains God will provide as we move forward in faith.
- 10.) Phase One is the first step! It will not be this way forever.
- 11.) Everyone will be disappointed in some way (probably).
- 12.) It will involve degrees of change and sacrifice that will not always be comfortable but will grow us.
- 13.) We have agreed, as a church, that God is calling us to build the first phase without debt. In terms of setting a budget, we are trying to discern the balance of what God wants us to do in relation to walking by faith and being conservative as we start out.
- 14.) Phase One can become an important "win" in the life of our church.
- 15.) A lot of the space will be shared space and used at different times, especially the adult class rooms. For example, here is a proposal for how we might do Sunday School:
 - a. 8:15: Sunday School for (senior) adults but no pre-school, children or youth options provided.
 - b. 9:30: Traditional Worship Service and Sunday School options for adults, preschool, children, and youth
 - c. 11:00: Contemporary Worship Service and Sunday School options for adults who attended the 9:30 service and extended care for pre-school
 - d. This is only focused on Sunday morning Bible studies. There will be on-campus and off-campus small groups meeting during the week.
- 16.) The school will remain in the current facility and will absorb most, if not all, of the utility, insurance, and facility maintenance costs for the school building (but not the houses surrounding the church) in Phase One.
- 17.) We want Phase One to serve the age bookends (the oldest and the youngest) in terms of building lay out, convenience, accessibility, etc.
- 18.) The layout of Phase One may look strange in terms of placement of rooms and items, but the placement is focused on how everything will eventually flow as we build in the phases.