



Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Is this the proper time and economic climate to attempt a capital campaign?** Our need is NOW! We take the reality of our current economic times very seriously, but every day we wait, we lose momentum, time and the opportunity to impact families and students. We've dialogued with business, construction, and banking professionals and discovered a strong consensus that we're in the midst of a unique window of time regarding the cost of building materials and labor. It may never be less expensive to build than right now. A successful capital campaign - *Decades Project* - beginning in the spring of 2010 will allow us to have well over a year of building cash reserves prior to breaking ground.
2. **Would it be more cost effective to expand the auditorium into the Gathering Area or the space in back of the stage?** No. The cost savings are not as significant as we first thought plus the disruption of the natural flow of the facility would be significant. Most importantly, the urgent need for additional children and youth space would actually be compounded by adding seats to the existing auditorium.
3. **How much will this cost? Shouldn't we focus on paying off our existing debt before we try to raise money for additional construction?** Our goal is to raise two million dollars beyond our ministry budget. Becoming debt-free is not the goal. Debt reduction is part of this campaign, but raising money for debt reduction alone does not address our critical space needs for youth, children, and worship. At the Project's end we anticipate to have built the facility utilizing funds raised without incurring additional debt. The *Decades Project* will not add to our debt, but is expected to reduce it.
4. **Do you believe that simply constructing this building will create a great youth and college ministry?** No. We believe it will take:
  - 1) *a clear and compelling philosophy for families and students (from birth thru college),*
  - 2) *exceptional staff (including the addition of a high school youth pastor, college/20-something pastor and potential family pastor) and*
  - 3) *one of the best youth facilities in the upper Midwest to create a great youth and college ministry.*
5. **Will we partner again with the volunteer organization Builders for Christ for this project?** We've discussed our plans with BFC and they've expressed a strong interest to partner with us again. We anticipate more conversations about working together again.
6. **Does this new building and master plan mean we're moving away from the multi-site philosophy/strategy?** Not at all. The technology we'll utilize in the newly created on-site venue will expand our ability to move to a multi-site strategy in the future - if God leads in that direction.