

Frequently Asked Questions

The MULTIPLY Project

1. **Why are we building the Discipleship Center?** To MULTIPLY followers of Jesus Christ. Open Door is committed to spiritual growth through relationships. Our current building adequately meets our worship needs, but we seriously lack adult classroom and fellowship space where we learn and interact. We look forward to the many God-focused conversations and biblical discussions with one another and those in our community in these new spaces in the coming decades. Our real goal is to build the church – God’s people – by adding a building.
2. **What kind of spaces are we adding?** The Discipleship Center will be over 6,000 sq.ft. It includes six classrooms (4 permanent and 2 multipurpose) which will provide classroom space for over 200. The two multipurpose classrooms will be part of a new fellowship hall on the main level served by a new kitchen. The project will also provide an additional main entrance and small foyer, will add on to the current men’s room, and will feature a small coffee table area. The MULTIPLY campaign also includes expanding, paving and lighting the rear parking area.
3. **Are we doing anything to expand children’s and youth areas?** We actually are, because when the Discipleship Center is complete the two adult classes now in the lower level will move. Then we can redesign the lower level to be an exclusive and secure zone for all youth and children’s ministries.
4. **What’s the timeline for everything?** Groundbreaking for the new facility was 8-6-17! The building process will continue as funds are available (see below)
5. **Who will build the Discipleship Center?** Zion Church Builders, Kalamazoo, MI, a Christian based company, is overseeing the project. They do church projects almost exclusively.
6. **Can the construction costs be reduced by church members doing some of the work?** Hopefully there will be a number of steps where we can experience the joy and financial savings of personal involvement.

The MULTIPLY Funding

1. **How much money is needed?** The total project for over 6,000 sq. ft of new space, plus some renovations and the expanded paved rear parking lot is estimated to cost \$900,000. See the current MULTIPLY chart on this site for funding updates.
2. **Will we borrow money to build?** We are seeking to fund the Discipleship Center on a cash basis as we have in the past. Our intent is to build as God supplies.
3. **Do we need the full amount in hand to start building?** No. Zion Builders will build the completed exterior “shell” first; then they can return if needed to complete the interior of the building for use when more funds are available.
4. **How do I give toward the Discipleship Center?** All gifts should be given to *Open Door Bible Church*, designated for the *Building Fund*.
5. **Can I donate other ways than cash?** Absolutely. Anyone can donate stocks, assets, or other valuables to the Building Fund. In fact, it can be wise stewardship in many cases to give something before selling it terms of appreciation and taxes. Contact Chuck Dieringer, Treasurer, for more information.
6. **How can I get more details or ask more questions?** Please feel free to contact either of the co-directors Chris Rodgers (920-668-5096) or Tim Hatfield (920-918-6289), or Pastor Sid (262-284-0711). Basic information will also be available and updated on the MULTIPLY page of our church website (odbcport.org/multiply) as well as regular encouragement on the Open Door Facebook page.