



# FAQs

## THE MULTIPLY PROJECT

### Why are we building the Discipleship Center?

To MULTIPLY disciples of 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. The New Testament urges us to love one another, encourage one another, instruct one another and other similar relational commands. Disciples “multiply” as people impact people. We look forward to the many God-focused conversations and biblical discussions within the new spaces in the coming decades. Our real goal is to build the church – God’s people – by adding a building.

### What kind of spaces are we adding?

The Discipleship Center will be just over 5,800 square feet. It includes six classrooms (4 permanent and 2 movable 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.

### Why aren’t we planting a church instead of building on?

We’d love to plant a church again. But as ministry leaders prayed and discussed the future, there was clear unity about our need to address the lack of classrooms to balance the effective use of our current facility before considering others ways to expand our impact. Even if we planted a church, we’d still face the need for classrooms.

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### Why are we building on just 1 level instead of including a basement?

In weighing any cost savings by building on two levels, we realized our priority for this project was main floor-accessible space for adult ministries. If we someday add on to the current worship center, we would probably add to the lower level as well to give us additional youth and children’s ministry space.

### 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.

### What’s the timeline for everything?

That’s hard to say at this point. This fall of 2015 is the major effort to determine our financial resources. This will give us a clearer picture of when we may be able to start.

### Who will build the Discipleship Center?

The preliminary planning has been done with Zion Church Builders, Kalamazoo, MI, a Christian-based company with many excellent references. They do church projects almost exclusively. We will seriously consider using them to manage the construction as well.

### Can the construction costs be reduced by church members doing some work?

Potentially. Once construction begins, any work done by church members must be coordinated in an extremely timely manner because we would be paying for the construction managers to be on site. We can’t delay the work of other sub-contractors while waiting for volunteers to find time to help. However, hopefully there will be a number of steps where we can experience the joy and financial savings of personal involvement.

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## THE MULTIPLY FUNDING

### How much money is needed?

The total project for more than 5,800 square feet of new space, plus a few renovations, plus the expanded paved rear parking lot is \$850,000. We are starting the MULTIPLY effort with just over \$100,000 in the Building Fund. So that leaves \$750,000 for which we are praying.

### Should I transfer some of my regular giving to fund the Discipleship Center?

No. The needs and vital ministries of Open Door Bible Church here and around the world are ongoing. We will continue our ministry while trusting God for funds above and beyond our regular giving.

### Will we borrow money to build?

We are seeking to fund the Discipleship Center on a cash basis as we have past projects. Our intent is to build as God supplies.

### Do we need the full amount in hand to start building?

No. Zion Builders has told us we could build the completed exterior “shell” first; then they could return to complete the interior of the building for use when more funds are available. Of course that would not be our first choice, and there would be some additional cost to have them set up twice.

### How do I give toward the project?

All gifts should be given to Open Door Bible Church, designated for the Building Fund.

### 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 in terms of appreciation and taxes. Contact Chuck Dieringer (262-689-2854), church treasurer, for more information.

### When will we be asked to make a financial commitment?

October 2015 is Multiply Month. Each week we will be challenged scripturally about how God works in our generosity. The last weekend (October 24/25) will be a special commitment service for turning in cards that express our personal 3-year giving plan. In addition, we are asking everyone who can to make a generous Firstfruits offering the following weekend, October 31/ November 1. Your Firstfruits offering should be included as part of your 3-year giving plan.

### Am I obligated to keep my 3-year plan?

We’ve called this a “plan” instead of a “vow” because we understand that discerning God’s will can be a process. Your plan is between you and God. The church values your commitment to your plan because it will enable the leadership to better plan the start of construction. But we understand God may lead you to either increase your commitment or else limit your ability to fulfill what you desire to do.

### Should my 3-year plan be what I KNOW I can give, or what I desire to give by FAITH?

That’s a question only you can answer. God leads and grows our faith differently.

### When will we know the amount of funds committed to MULTIPLY?

The total of the upfront capital, plus the total of the 3-year commitments, will be announced at a celebration service December 6.

### How can I get more details or ask more questions?

Everyone is urged to come to a more complete presentation of the vision in one of our Adult Bible Fellowships, or an evening presentations in October (see bulletin for details). You may also arrange to meet personally with either of the co-directors Chris Rodgers (920-668-5096) or Tim Hatfield (920-918-6289), or Pastor Sid (262-284-0711). Information will also be available and updated on the MULTIPLY page of our church website ([odbcport.org\Multiply](http://odbcport.org\Multiply)) as well as regular encouragement on the Open Door Facebook page.

