

Frequently Asked Questions from "*Desserts with the Pastors*"

What exactly are the buildings in our Master Plan?

Our Master Plan consists of 3 new buildings that are designed to fit in with the existing buildings (both in terms of visual massing from the MLK-view and in terms of architectural detail). All 3 buildings are in close proximity to existing buildings and we aren't doing much to change the existing grade of the property. Buildings will be connected by small, open-air, green courtyards - very much in keeping with the existing campus features.

A Worship Center (Sanctuary) and Family Life Center are the 2 largest buildings. There is a smaller 2-level "link" building designed for administrative offices and classrooms. It will link the existing fellowship hall to the new Worship Center. The "link" building will be placed where today there is a small parking area north of Fellowship Hall. The Worship Center will be placed on the graveled parking area. The Family Life Center will be located behind the present church offices, between the cemetery and the playground.

The Worship Center will be designed to house gathering space, restrooms and worship space on one level and below that will be nursery space, 3 yr. thru K classroom space, multipurpose space that can be divided into 2 classrooms, choir robing room, more restrooms and an elevator ... all on walk-out, daylight lower level. The Family Life Center is designed to house all new preschool classrooms (also suitable for Sunday School use), improved youth space and gymnasium.

Will the After School Program share use of the expanded part of the Hut once it is completed?

No. The After School Program has no growth in its plan for now. That leaves the "new hut" available for use by the church at any time.

What will change with the left turn lane into OUMC at Homestead Road?

A left turn arrow will be installed to improve safety for vehicles turning left into OUMC.

What increase is planned for paved parking spots in "front" of our buildings?

There are 110 paved spaces in the front of the property now. There will be 140 paved spaces in the front (including the current field area) when the Phase I work is complete. (There will be 127 spaces in the rear of the property, for a total of 267 spaces.)

Is there opportunity for others to make commuter use of our parking spaces on weekdays?

We have all town-required approvals to be able to offer parking spaces to UNC for weekday permitted park and ride use. We have identified the 57 spaces in the north parking lot (today's grass field) as suitable spaces. Those are the spaces that are closest to the existing bus stop on MLK Blvd. As of this date, we have not entered into any formal agreement for a park and ride. The town is not requiring us to do so. It makes sense for us to consider a lease agreement with UNC, however, because that is the area where students and faculty park to take the bus into campus now. It will become increasingly a reality for us when the area is paved. These 57 spaces (out of a total of 267) would not pose a problem for our weekday use. If we enter into such an agreement with UNC, the school would handle all administrative duties associated with the permitting process and would assume any associated liability. Buses would not enter church property. Our northern parking lot would simply service the existing bus stop on MLK.

Are we going to have missing sections of sidewalks between the parking lots and the existing buildings if we don't build the new buildings?

No. We will be grading the spot for the future worship center and planting grass. Same for the family life center spot. We will have a concrete sidewalk to connect the new parking lot at the North end of the property (today's grass field) to the existing sidewalk in front of the fellowship hall. A portion of this sidewalk will be removed when a new worship center is constructed. A portion of it will remain permanently to service the driveway crosswalk.

We will build a permanent concrete sidewalk from the rear parking lot to the existing brick walkway behind the sanctuary. We will build a temporary Chapel Hill gravel path from the rear parking lot (around the playground fence) and connect it to the existing concrete sidewalk that services the lower level classrooms.

What lighting is planned for the parking areas?

Duke Energy pole lights with shoebox fixtures. The lighting plan was submitted to and approved by the town. The town has certain requirements for foot candle levels to ensure safety.

Is our sewer system capacity large enough to handle all the future buildings in the Master Plan?

YES

After some trees are removed to expand parking, how many new trees are part of the plan?

400, including many along our frontage on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard

If we build Phase I Site Work and extend our time for construction to 2019 but do not complete building all Master Planned buildings by 2019, what will we need to do then to keep building?

Anything undertaken after 2019 will be placed in a *new* Master Plan and submitted for approval by the Town in a process much like we just completed. However, because we will have completed all the site work, it is more likely that we will not encounter major difficulties with the review process. It is things like impervious surface, storm water management, energy efficiency of proposed buildings and tree disturbance in which the town can exercise the most control. We have nailed down all those issues with our current SUP. The sooner we build, the easier it is for us to control what the final result will be.

Will we consolidate our traditional and contemporary worship styles into one style in the larger worship center that is part of the Master Plan?

No

What limits of technology integration will we have when we do build a new worship center?

Whatever technology is specific at the time we go to construction document phase could very well be obsolete by the time the building is finished. Therefore, we propose that plenty of conduit is installed to allow implementation of whatever is desired at the time the building is actually completed. We will try to build-in flexibility and anticipate need best we can. We have not reached a point in our planning where we have determined the details.

What degree of specificity has been designed into the buildings in our master plan at this time?

The Worship Center is the one building that was advanced to an early design phase, which delineates size of spaces, arrangement of spaces, window and door locations, building massing and general look, etc. With progress to this point, there is still much to be determined and many details to be ironed out. The major phase of work by the Architect is still pending. All other buildings on the site plan were developed only to a point where we know size, function and placement on site. We could move directly to construction documents for the Worship Center, but we believe so much time has passed since the design development phase was completed, that the plan needs a fresh team to revisit it and make its own mark. With no major changes to the building, moving to construction document phase will require an investment of approximately \$130k. More change requires more money.

What constitutes “substantial” work that we must have begun by March 2012?

All of the site work now proposed as Phase I.

Will additional classroom space permit age-based Sunday school to be held at the same time as worship, to avoid mixing kindergarten age children with 5th graders for example?

Classroom usage will be determined based on the needs and number of children attending OUMC when any new classroom space becomes available. Currently, children K-5th grade meet from 9:00am-10:00am together as part of our Zone Drama Program, in which each child participates in two bible-based drama performances with age-appropriate dramatic singing and acting roles assigned to each child. From 10:00am-10:30am, the children are separated into age-based classes (K-1 Boys & Girls combined, 2-3 Girls class, 2-3 Boys class, 4-5 Girls class, and 4-5 Boys class) for traditional Sunday School instruction. From 10:30am-11:00am, all ages participate together in a children's worship service called Crosswired, which is held in the Fellowship Hall.

What kind of walking access is anticipated during the period of Phase I construction?

We will make safe walk zones and we will make any adjustments necessary to make sure people can access the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Is Parking the majority of the cost of Phase I?

No. Paving parking places is a small fraction of the cost. The majority of the cost is that of stormwater runoff management. Our stormwater management system is sized to handle the entire build out of the master plan.

If work begins in June, when can we estimate that Phase I would be complete?

If started in early June, then our engineers tell us they think it can be finished or nearly completed by early October so long as there are no major weather-related issues.

Will our exits onto MLK change and how?

The entrances will remain in their same locations, so the front of our property isn't changing drastically. The south entrance near the Hut will be widened so that if you are traveling N. on MLK Blvd., you may enter the property there with a right hand turn in and you may exit the property with a right hand turn to continue N. on MLK Blvd. It will be a right in – right out ONLY driveway. The difference you will notice at the main entrance at Homestead Rd. will be in that the part that is on our property will be changed so that there is one lane onto the property and 3 lanes to allow traffic to exit the property. We spent nearly 6 months working out these driveways and all the signal improvements needed with DOT and with the town.

If we proceed with pledges enough to start Phase I, are we as a church indicating that we are committed to building everything in the Master Plan, now estimated at \$10 million between now and 2019?

No. We are demonstrating our commitment to keep open the possibility of building out the master plan – or at least some portion of it - as approved in our 2008 Special Use Permit. We are not committed to that but it should be a goal. We can certainly leave portions and not completely build out, but anything undertaken after 2019 will be placed in a *new* Master Plan and submitted for approval by the Town in a process much like we just completed.

How much will maintenance of the completed Phase I work add to the annual OUMC budget?

We will have monthly costs associated with contracting with Duke Energy on the parking lot lights. Other than that, there should not be huge expenses for upkeep on the pavement or sidewalks. The pavement is heavy duty pavement that will support garbage trucks to empty dumpsters on a regular basis. The stormwater management system could have some associated maintenance costs far in the future, but we have no way to estimate this at this time.

How do our present attendance numbers compare with last year? How does our giving compare?

Our present attendance numbers in 2011 are similar to that of 2010, averaging about 430 in attendance each Sunday. As of the second week of May, our giving is higher by almost \$9,000 in 2011 than in 2010.

Is there any possibility that we might use space at nearby Amity UMC to meet our space needs?

University Methodist has been doing this for the last 5 or 6 years. It is not something upon which we feel we can depend.

Has the Korean church been asked to help fund Phase I and future elements of the Master Plan?

They were a part of the Growing with God Campaign in 2005.

What factors will be considered when the church decides what to do after Phase I is finished?

Most likely a "needs assessment" group will be assembled to verify the findings of the earlier committee and to "take the temperature" of the current members at Orange to see how we want to proceed.

If we pledge to Phase I, will campaigns to raise funds for the buildings follow? If so, how soon?

Yes. It depends upon the success of this campaign. The more successful we are, then the less of a need to raise more funds later. If we decide we need another campaign, it will likely be in three years.

If OUMC increases space, will we lose our sense of personal relationships? How can we prevent that?

SMALL GROUPS. There will be MORE of an emphasis on this, not less. We should become a congregation of small groups.

Are the prayers we lifted up for OUMC on our blue card Sunday available for reading on our web site or elsewhere?

They were handed out during the May 15 worship services, along with the Commitment Card for the expansion campaign. They can also be found on the Gather Grow Go webpage at www.connect2orange.org.

When our building committee began work 8 years ago, how long did they work before discussing specific buildings or space?

Two years were spent to evaluate and envision programs that are and would be the essence of OUMC in the future. When finally discussing space, initial plans hoped for 5 buildings. Town approvals reduced the master plan structures from 5 one level buildings down to 3 two level buildings.

What would be the success factors needed by OUMC to make for effective use of the Phase I plan and eventually for use of additional buildings?

'Success' is highly subjective. Some would say having enough funding, others would say constructing the best building for the lowest cost, another group might say that saving the trees or preserving our history would constitute success. We prayerfully hope that 'Success' in our case means that we will be able to welcome more people to the love and saving grace of Christ. 'Success' would mean that we have the ability and means to encourage and nurture everyone who wants to have a relationship with Christ. 'Success' would mean that our doors, whether they be large or small, would open to those who are searching, and to those who want to go out into the world to spread the love that God gives us today and forever.