



FBCT-Parkway Transition and Phase 1 Development Frequently Asked Questions

Briefly, what does Phase 1 encompass?

Based on building planning and perceived financial capacity, Phase 1 will include a 400-seat worship center and lobby/gathering area along with secure classrooms and play areas for all kids and children's activities, and other supporting facilities. It will also include a youth room and four classrooms which will multi-function as adult Sunday School rooms, minister's offices during the week, and other small group meetings. Additional parking (by the pavilion) and expanded detention ponds required for rainfall runoff control will also be included.

How is the new Worship Center being designed?

The Worship Center is planned with a flat floor and will be equipped with moveable chairs which can be interlocked or separated to encompass multiple seating arrangements (rows for worship services, banquet arrangements including tables, or other configurations for many different special events).

Both side walls will include clerestory windows for natural light and will be equipped with shades for control when needed. The ceiling will be a painted, exposed metal beam design with lighting and suspended speakers typical of modern venues. The floor will be carpeted (to maintain the acoustics of the room) with sectioned pieces that can be easily cleaned or replaced as needed.

The elevated stage will be flat and similar in size to the current Oxford worship center with space for both praise team and choir members (utilizing moveable risers). Backstage will include a prep area for stage entrance, an ADA ramp, and an IT computer room.

How has security been considered in the design plans?

The layout of the full Phase 1 building will have one main front entrance into the lobby/gathering area from the parking lot plus one supplemental entrance at the rear of the lobby. Therefore, all persons entering the facility must pass into and through the lobby area. A greeting/welcome desk will be present at the front and manned during Sunday morning service times. All the other exterior doors required by fire codes will be externally locked and can only be opened from the inside. (As a note, the present Oxford Campus worship center and educational buildings have over 22 entrance doorways, excluding emergency exits).

The children's/kids' hallway to their classrooms will have a secured doorway and a check-in desk for parents. Entry into the hallway, if needed, will only be by registered parents/guardians. Outside play areas will be high-fenced and can only be entered via their classrooms and the secure check-in desk.

During the week when no meetings are occurring, the facility will be normally locked even when staff are present. The front will be monitored from within by intercom/video cameras for entrance by visitors, as needed.

What will the Lobby/Gathering Area include?

The lobby is designed to create a very welcoming atmosphere to greet visitors, to stand and visit with friends, and be the intersection of all activities. It will include a welcome desk adjacent to the front doors, a coffee counter, and visual directions to all youth and adult classrooms, to the children's hallway check-in area, and to restrooms.

The lobby can also be used for small functions similar to a fellowship hall, such as lunches/banquets, craft workshops, and other small events.

Adjacent will be a "warming" kitchen for easy access/support to all areas and will contain coffee-making equipment, microwave(s), refrigerator(s), sink, ice maker, warming units, etc. This area will not be designed for cooking and a stove will not be included due to additional fire & health code requirements.

What are key exterior features of Phase 1?

The main structure of the facility will be a pre-engineered metal building (PEMB) which will be the most economical system for a building of our design and need. The exterior will be primarily a brown, metal horizontal siding with field stone accents. The moderately-sloped roof will be standing-seam metal sheeting.

The front entrance will include a covered vehicle drop-off area at the main entrance doors to the lobby.

The current "FBCT" logo and/or cross (design similar as in our current Oxford baptistry) will be displayed prominently on facades visible from both Quinn St and the parking area.

What are features of the Children's areas?

The children's hallway will be a secured area with classrooms, restrooms for kids, workroom/storage for teachers, and secured access to fenced-in exterior play areas. For toddlers' classrooms, individual restrooms and sinks are planned within each room to assist in training.

What provisions will be made for the Youth?

A room is being planned specifically for Youth with adequate space for meetings, worship, and activities. Some separation, sound diminution, audio/video capabilities, and equipment storage will be included in the design. Also, the preference is to locate this near an exterior doorway for quick, easy access to outside activities that may be a part of their gathering time.

How many small-group presentations were held for Phase 1?

During May through August 2023, six small-group congregational meetings were held by all of the ministerial staff to provide the vision of the project, review the basic design planning and schedule, and initiate preparation for the capital campaign before we enter the "public phase" of the presentations. These presentations provided an opportunity for all of our membership and leadership to hear and see first-hand the proposed Phase 1 plans and the vision for the Parkway Campus development.

Over 125 members were able to attend and participate in these intimate sharing and discussion sessions.

What might be the Sunday morning schedule? What about Adult classrooms and can the proposed arrangement accommodate our current and future needs?

Classrooms for adults have been sized for seating 28 - 35 individuals. It is expected that our recent change to dual worship services and classes while we are still meeting at the Oxford Campus will prepare us organizationally as we transition to the new Parkway facility. Based on the overall education wing size and layout and the number of classrooms that were within our budget for constructing the initial Parkway building, the alternating schedule of classrooms will be needed while we are in the Phase 1 building until we can progress with additional facilities.

Within the classroom hallway design, access to the coffee making area, kitchen, and restrooms is being integrated into the overall floor layout for this section. Additionally, all classrooms will be equipped with video screens for viewing presentations, video conferencing, etc.

How does Phase 1 and the Masterplan address senior mobility issues?

Currently, our entire campus is divided by Oxford Street, with worship facilities and preschool and children's areas on one side and adult and student areas on the other. This makes it difficult for our senior citizens to move across the campus from Bible Study classes to the worship facilities, given the distance they must travel. For Phase 1 and all other building phases, the worship center and adult Bible study areas are all connected indoors so that senior citizens may move from area to area without being subject to the elements of the environment such as rain, cold and heat.

What are details on the capital fundraising campaign?

Planning for all aspects of the capital campaign were begun in 2022 with Generis Capital Campaign Consultants. Our ministerial staff have benefited from in-person visits and frequent video-conferencing with them throughout this entire planning period which has provided guidance on overall scheduling, development of materials, publicity information, message themes, planning meetings with congregational groups, and financial goal planning. Their assistance will continue throughout 2024 as we maintain focus on this important aspect of the program.

In this process, members and participants have the opportunity to submit sacrificial giving commitment cards (above their normal tithes) for their contributions. These contributions indicated may be for a lump sum or on a weekly, monthly or other periodic basis. This vital information will enable a clearer measure of our financial capability and strategic planning as construction proceeds. As a reminder, contribution data provided by our financial office to Generis have been viewed only by their staff and remains anonymous to all other FBCT staff, the building team, admin team, or any other FBCT members. Please be in prayer for provision and generosity as we proceed in this endeavor.

What is the Master Plan (future expansion)?

As provided during the first half of the congregational Townhall in August 2022, the Master Plan was developed in early 2022 with our current team of architects and includes several phases of development of the Parkway Campus after Phase 1 is completed and can be updated with more detail when expansion is needed. As presently viewed, Phase 2 and beyond could include a larger worship center and lobby/gathering areas, adult education wing, children's education wing, offices, and recreational areas. All of these facilities have been sized and located on drawings of our property to ensure they all fit spatially in a very usable manner. However, since the Townhall of Aug 2022, all architectural planning work has been focused on detailed design of Phase 1.

Next steps to construction of Phase 2 and beyond will be based on membership growth and as facilities are needed. But with the master plan completed, placement on the property of these additional facilities have all been identified. Whenever this expansion occurs, it is anticipated that the Phase 1 worship center could be converted into a banquet/fellowship area and also utilized for Youth gatherings, concerts, and activities.

How many building phases are there in the new Master Plan?

The current Phase 1 building plan is for a 400-seat worship center, gathering lobby, preschool, children's, and student's area, adult classroom area and a serving kitchen. With future funding thru capital campaign efforts, there are about five building phases in the master plan: a new 1,200-seat worship center, a new preschool and children's building, a student building, an adult classroom building and a family recreation center.

Intermittent projects between the building phases mentioned above may include additional recreation fields, a multi-cross structure at the front of the worship center and an outdoor baptismal.

How does Parkway Phase 1 compare to our Oxford buildings?

Our current Oxford Campus includes 85,000+ ft² of space, much of which are older buildings and increasingly difficult and costly to maintain (AC systems, poor insulation, aged plumbing/wiring, non-ADA compliant, absence of fire-sprinkler systems, etc); much of this space is unused. Although the current worship center is a beautiful facility, children's facilities are very poor (due to age) and lacking modern amenities and design.

The new Parkway Phase 1 facility will encompass approximately 22,000 ft². Room space and usage will be optimized and a significant reduction in power and utility consumption is anticipated. It will include an energy-efficient HVAC system with climate controls for each room and offsite control/monitoring for easy on/off settings and automated adjustments.

The new worship center will encompass 8,300 ft² including the seating area, center stage and backstage areas. For size comparisons, the pavilion is 8,700 ft² and the Oxford gym 5,900 ft².

From which street will we enter the parking lot?

For Phase 1, it is planned that the existing entrance from Quinn Rd (by the Pavilion) will be adequate. As future phases of the campus are developed, entrances may be connected from Hicks St (to the north), from SH-249B (to the west), and potentially to Rudel via Buvinghausen (to the south) of the building complex.

What about parking arrangements?

For Phase 1, all of the exiting parking spaces by the Pavilion will be utilized with additional parking constructed to meet City of Tomball requirements for the Phase 1 building size.

What is the rainfall runoff plan?

Existing rainfall detention ponds will need to be expanded to account for the Phase 1 building footprint and added parking areas. These pond areas for Phase 1 will be located in the southeastern corner of the campus (near the fire station), designed to be normally dry, and only contain water temporarily following heavy rainfalls.

Where can I direct other questions that I have about the project or campaign?

We plan to communicate the schedule and update the congregation on the progress throughout the planning and building phases via Townhalls, monthly website updates, constant contact emails, etc.

Also, you may email "ministry@fbctomball.org" or call the office at (281) 351-4997 with any questions, comments or requests for appointments and we'll direct them accordingly.

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