



# The Trellis Project

*bringing God glory. making disciples. sharing God's love.*

## Question Two

### What is The Trellis Project, and what does that name mean?

The Trellis Project is what we're calling our plan to develop the infrastructure of our church. This development will focus on three infrastructural elements: spiritual, physical, and ministerial (see headings below). The aim of this project is to ensure that as NCC grows into the future we would:

1. Retain a commitment to our historic commitment to the truth of Scripture.
2. Grow in line with our mission statement.
3. Maintain a strong commitment to a relational discipleship.

We've called this project the Trellis Project because it brings the helpful image to mind of a trellis and a vine. The primary work of ministry is "vine-work." That is, it is focused primarily upon the organic growth that takes place inside of hearts. As that vine grows however, it requires that a certain level of infrastructure (trellis) be put into place to support that growth. Failure to do this work can artificially limit spiritual growth and eventually lead to a place where distinctives are lost and focused ministry become impossible. Therefore, for the spiritual health of our church to be maintained, we must focus on putting the necessary "structures" into place to support the growth that we see the Lord accomplishing in our midst.

We will be considering future phases of this plan only as the needs for those phases become apparent.

Phase 1 – (Current) Add educational space to address immediate educational needs and acquire and develop property to support potential future expansion.

Phase 2 – Expand current parking lot onto additional property and build a pavilion to facilitate church fellowship events.

Phase 3 – Expand worship center to facilitate additional worship.

Phase 4 – Full development of property to encourage fellowship and outreach.