

# Monett Community Church

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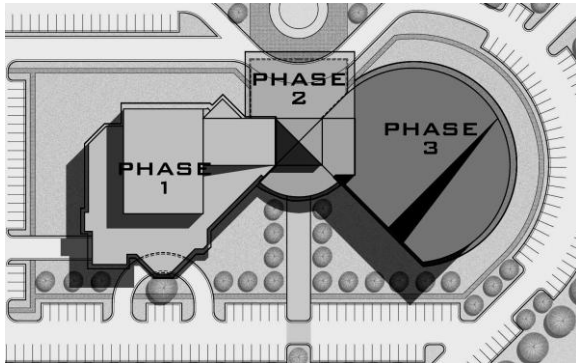
## INTRODUCTION

As the Monett Community Church (MCC), we find ourselves in the midst of some exciting times. God has guided us to the purchase of a prime piece of property in order for us to build a facility that will help us fulfill our five purposes of Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Missions.

While it is important for us to identify the basic directions that we believe that God is guiding us at this time, we believe that the movement of the Holy Spirit is fluid, and that while we are following what we believe to be His plan for the present, His guidance in our church cannot be constrained to previous understandings of what His plan is. Simply put, our desire is not to mold God’s Will to fit our plan, but to mold our plan to fit His will.

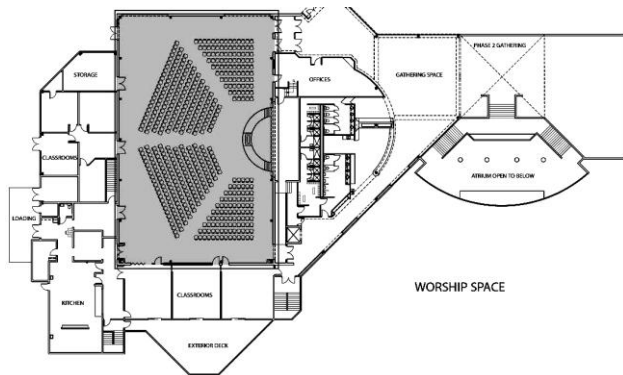
We, as the MCC family, are seeking to understand who we are and in what direction God is guiding us. While we are not a traditional church, the ageless directives of Scripture remain the foundation of all that we do. This document seeks to find the values that separate this church from others while retaining the values that verify the Bible as our absolute authority and the Holy Spirit as our guide to the fulfillment of the God’s plan for us.

We want our thinking to be fresh as we identify and respond to the needs of our community today as well as needs of tomorrow. We know change is inevitable and we want to embrace change by designing ourselves to be able to recognize and adjust to change systematically. We want to align our mission to the changing needs and demographics of our community.



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The Elders have sought to be relevant, open-minded, and forward thinking in the strategic planning process. They have worked to clarify the successes of the past, understanding the forces of today which generate need and forecast future issues so the church can prepare to respond in appropriate and timely way to those issues.

## WHO ARE WE?

- **Purpose Statement:** *Honoring God, Loving Our Neighbors, Developing Disciple*
- **Vision Statement:** *We are focused on connecting people with each other through expressions of grace, and connecting people with Jesus through expressions of worship.*
- **Mission Statement:** *Our mission is to glorify God through our worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and missions.*

## OUR FIVE PURPOSES

- **Worship: We Celebrate God’s Presence**  
Goal: To glorify God by expressing our love, adoration, and surrender to him in all areas of our lives. (Psalm 95:6-7)
- **Fellowship: We Assimilate God’s People**  
Goal: To create and sustain deeper relationships with Christ and each other. (Acts 2:42)
- **Discipleship: We Educate God’s People**  
Goal: To train our people to grow in an abiding relationship with Christ that equips them for works of ministry and leads them to disciple others. (2 Timothy 2:2)
- **Ministry: We Demonstrate God’s Love**  
Goal: To provide opportunity for people to serve within our church family and community. (John 13:24-25)

## THE TASK AT HAND

As we seek to effectively attain the goals of our five purposes, God has blessed us with numerical growth that exceeds the accommodations of our present facility. If we are to continue to grow in both the efficiency and effectiveness of our purposes, additional facilities are necessary.

### WHAT RESOURCES WILL BE REQUIRED?

It is important that the mission is clearly understood as well as the measures of success. Primary resources will be needed to accomplish the mission, goals, and objectives of each purpose in order to make the vision successful.

Resources take the form of:

- People
- Time
- Finances
- Building and Grounds
- Equipment and technology

### WHAT FACILITIES ARE NECESSARY?

- A Family Life Center will provide for church, community, family, special, and interactive programs. It will initially serve as a worship facility.
- A Gathering Hall will provide a welcoming and connecting atmosphere. It will accommodate additional weekly activities.
- Educational Spaces will have the flexibility of being used for self, group, age-graded, and family training as well as other uses.
- The Worship Center will provide additional worship space with performing arts capabilities.

## WHAT DO WE ASK OF YOU?

We do not ask the MCC congregation to commit to the church body, the elders, or to the pastor. We ask you to be committed to God. Any involvement you have in this building process should be based on God's guidance in your life and your obedience to Him.

In order to do that, we ask you to specifically pray about 5 things.

- Pray that the elders and the other leaders will be clearly guided by God throughout every step of this process.
- Pray that God will help us as individuals and as a church family to surrender all our resources to Him (time, energy, finances, relationships, etc.)
- Pray that the outcome of this building process will draw us closer to Christ in our knowledge and worship of who He is, and in our connectiveness as a church family.
- Pray that the facilities will never be the identity or the purpose of our church, but that they will merely help facilitate the effectiveness and efficiency with which we fulfill the true purposes He has called us too.
- Pray that God will give you clear direction regarding the time, energy, and finances that He wants you to use for His glory in the process.

### QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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- Missions: We Communicate God's Plan  
Goal: To take the message of God's Grace and Love to Monett, Missouri, our nation, and our world. (Matthew 28:18-20)

## OBSERVATIONS OF MCC's STRENGTHS

- Our Relevance: "We advocate a discipleship that seeks meaningful solutions to everyday needs of our church family and the community."
- Our Connectivity: "Our fundamental strength is the value we assign to relationships within our church family; our connectivity to each other."
- Our Diverse Demographics: "We are a community focused ministry."
- Our Youth: "From the beginning, we have had a heart for the youth of Monett."
- Our Location: "Our new site in the heart of an emerging new activity center in Monett which includes the nearby high school, junior college, and industrial park, surrounded with housing."
- Our Message: "Our worship service is the biggest secret in town...Our message is relevance through the Word linking us directly to the Bible."
- Our Limited History: "We have a short and varied history...With each year, we have grown in our clarity of purpose...As growth continues, we seek to be more efficient in our coordination, communication, and administration."
- Our Diversity: "Every individual within our church family has a unique spiritual journey which brings a richness of relationships and a diversity of understanding."