

"Generation 2020"

A Vision for the Next 20 Years

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A Church on Mission

Now in our 20th year, more Faithbridgers than ever are *making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ who make more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ.* We are reaping the harvest of 20 years of prayer, sacrifice, and generosity from a generation of Faithbridgers who have been discipled and have actively discipled others through the life-changing, soul-saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A Swell of Momentum

Just as the Apostle Paul adapted his methods to communicate the timeless Gospel to the Athenians in Acts 17, we too must make some adjustments in order to connect with the mission field that is changing all around us. While our mission has remained unchanged for the past 20 years, for the past 20 months, we have been updating some of our methods in preparation for the next generation of Faithbridgers.

The early results of these ministry adjustments are very encouraging. The momentum is palpable and plainly evident in the countless stories of revival and life-transformation occurring.

God's blessings over the past year include growth in worship attendance, record attendance in special services like Christmas Eve and Easter. We have also seen an uptick in newcomers taking first-steps: joining in membership, being baptized, and integrating into grow groups, serve teams, and missions. *Equally exciting, our student ministry has grown 10% in the last year!*

We sense God has been preparing the hearts of Faithbridgers for something big — as evidenced by an increase in church-wide generosity. Many have been taking the "Malachi 3:10 tithing challenge" and integrating generosity into their daily discipleship — as evidenced by record-level added offerings for causes like Harvey relief (2017), Ben Stuart & Passion City DC (2017), and *Above & Beyond* giving last November (2018) — indictors of desire and capacity for doing something *extravagant* for the Kingdom of God.

A Vision for the 2020s

As a result of the positive momentum of the past 20 months, we have developed a new *Campus Master Plan* that focuses on three areas we believe are key in addressing the strategic needs of the next 20 years:

• The Next Generations of Students

The teen of the 2020s faces unprecedented cultural challenges in this new world of technology and rapidly changing cultural norms. We must focus our efforts at reaching this most-vulnerable generation with authentic encounters with Jesus Christ.

• The Next Generations of the Unreached

As culture shifts fully into a "post-Christian" era, we must adjust our methods and reorient our facilities to *introduce* the unreached of the 2020s to the life-transforming power of Jesus Christ.

• The Next Generations of New Disciples

We must re-double our efforts at *connecting* the new Faithbridgers of the 2020s into life-changing community and *developing* them into mature, growing disciples.



We believe the time is right for a 2-year, \$14 million capital campaign, above and beyond our normal annual operating budget of \$9.5 million.

Our focus is on constructing, improving, and re-purposing our square footage at Stuebner Airline to strategically position us to reach future generations for Jesus Christ into the 2020s and beyond.

Momentum is strong — God is moving, Faithbridgers are living on mission like never before — the harvest of Northwest Houston is ready, and it is time to equip the workers with the tools needed to reach them.

These are the 5 projects we want to complete as part of this 2-year campaign:

A. A New, Stand-Alone Student Building Strategically Designed for the Next Generation - \$7MM

We believe the time is now to construct 19,000 square feet of new student space, providing students a building of their own designed for the ministry needs of the next generation with state-of-the-art worship and gathering space, small group rooms, and outdoor recreational facilities.

More than just square footage, the kind of student building is critical to reaching the students of the 2020s. We have intentionally designed space that is attractive for a student to "hang out" throughout the week — fulfilling their desire for authentic community — while connecting them to Christ in real, meaningful relationships.

B. Refurbished & Upgraded Worship Spaces – \$3.25MM

We worship a living God, and He is present in our worship services as we gather and glorify Him — our worship is an essential component to introducing the unreached to Him. We believe our aging worship facilities should be refreshed and refurbished for the 2020s — making key improvements in technology, atmosphere, and decor to signal to the next generation that Faithbridge is a place for them.

C. New Ministry Classroom Space for Sunday Morning "Next Step" Groups - \$250,000

We need to prepare more space for the next generation of new Faithbridgers to be developed into fully formed disciples. Having space strategically designed for these connections — such as *Starting Point*, serve orientation, leadership training, missions training, etc. — is essential to increasing our impact in the next decade.

D. Completed Parking & Driveways - \$2MM

The longer the families sit in their cars, the less time they have to encounter God and His people. As the "front door" to our campus, it is time to complete the master plan for parking: paving the gravel lots, completing the ring roads and driveways, and preparing our campus for the new growth we believe God is bringing in the 2020s.

E. On-Campus Baptism Pool & Amphitheater - \$1.5MM

We anticipate an increase in need to baptize new believers as we focus on making more disciples. We envision a beautiful baptistery that is prominently placed on campus, with plenty of space for family, friends, Faithbridgers, and new disciples to witness the importance of this declaration of surrender and transformation in Christ.



Building on a Strong Legacy, Preparing for a Bright Future

The legacy that the previous generation has prepared us for is not one of brick and mortar, but of a church that is surrendered to Christ and leading others to do the same.

We believe that God is ready to use us to reach the lost in and around our community and that these physical buildings are merely tools for furthering this mission. We pray that our campus will bustle with unprecedented excitement as people come for the good news of Jesus. We pray that our parking lots will run with utmost efficiency, and that people will leave our worship services shaking their heads in wonder at the closeness they felt to Christ.

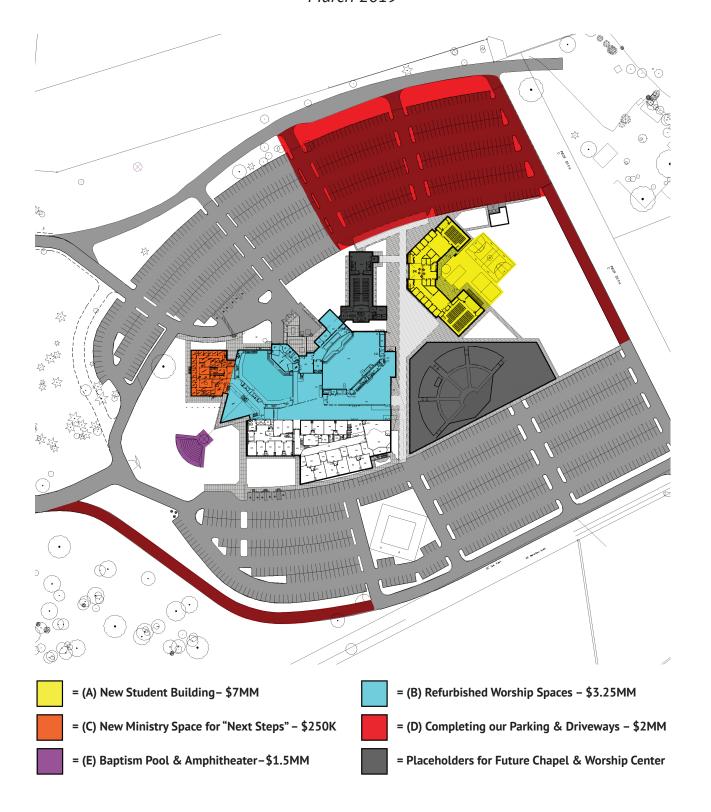
We pray that more and more people will come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and that thousands will be baptized and developed as fully functioning disciples eager to mentor new generations of believers.

We pray that our student ministry will continue exploding in growth, to the end that middle and high school students would grow fully into strong disciples *before* graduating — well prepared to live on mission and be world-changers for Christ in adulthood.

Faithbridgers must once again prayerfully embrace the mission to which we have been called in order for this vision for the next generation to become reality in the 2020s, so that future generations can pick up the torch and carry it forward for decades still to come.



Revised Campus Master Plan *March 2019*



Proposed Student Building

March 2019

