

Planning for Growth

The Second Site

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Why do this?

Outward Focus

The overriding impetus for establishing a second site for ministry is TCBC's vision of sharing God's heart through expanding the outward focus of TCBC members and ministries. Jesus called his church to be not merely a "gathered people" but also a "sent people": moving out on Christ's mission to reconcile people to himself (2 Cor. 5:18-20) as well as proclaiming and living out the gospel in his power (Acts 1:8). Obedience to the greatest commandments—to love God with all that we are and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matt. 22:36-40)—compels us to take intentional steps to love our neighbors on our campus and in our community who are currently far from God. We do this as the church together rather than just as individuals because Jesus' mission is not only to redeem individuals but also to bring them into the experience of being part of his people, the church (Eph. 2:13-22).

Our ability to do this will be greatly expanded by having a *second presence* in a high-density student/community location that is currently underserved by churches. A second site could tailor its ministry profile to address the particular needs of its unchurched neighbors, allowing us to diversify our worship communities to better engage the hearts and needs of emerging adults at the Scott Park site while maintaining our current ministry profile at the Lincoln/Michigan site. This will allow us to reach a broader range of people than would be drawn to our present TCBC church service.

Our primary task is therefore to assist in reconciling individuals to God through the power of His Son and to welcome them into his church.

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Through establishing ministry in the Scott Park area, we desire to see the **growth of God's Kingdom** as he draws people into a saving relationship with his Son, Jesus Christ. This primary focus of cultivating more Christ followers will also likely result in a great amount of inward development at TCBC. To launch this effort requires **growth in faith** on the part of all of us who are part of the church. Leaders must be raised up and trained. Volunteers are needed for the Scott Park team. Resources must be acquired. And the entire effort must be bathed in a constant flow of worship and prayer. Ultimately, the potential exists for more unity in the body around the developing and sending ministry of TCBC.

We desire the new site to become an outward focused, thriving, tight-knit group of believers with a family-like atmosphere that is influencing the community around it— people seeking to genuinely love one another and to love our neighbors in the Scott Park area.

What will this look like (what will we do)

Love One Another

The Second Site team will pursue the development of true biblical community through loving one another and practicing the other “one anothers” of Scripture. They are involved in one another’s lives and seeking to build the deep relationships that God desires for his people. In this experience of loving community, they will encourage one another to reach out in love and compassion to those who don’t yet know Christ. They are motivated by a desire that more would experience God’s love in Christ and be part of his church.

Incarnational Ministry

The Second Site team will demonstrate the gospel through being present in the Scott Park area, building relationships with people who live in this area, and finding ways to serve. Engaging in service will have the goal of not only benefiting individual community members but also inviting them to join the team in serving.

Worship & Prayer

The Second Site will be a physical place where a body of believers gathers for worship and prayer. They are fed by bible study and the bible-based training that TCBC is already gifted in delivering. And they are bound together with the community as they engage in service to others.

Why Scott Park?

The proposed site in the area of Scott Park exposes a large potential audience of residents and students to the work and person of Christ in a setting that would be connected to their community. This area is home to thousands of students including a large population of international students. It is the center of the City of Champaign’s projected area of growth and development.

Steps to get there

Phase 1: Recruit a missional team

- Form team interested in pursuing ministry in Scott Park—build relationships, pray together, serve together and study the Bible together.
- Communicate phase 1 results to the congregation and seek approval to continue moving forward.

Assumptions

There will be a critical mass of individuals who will commit to launching a plan

We will initially identify a location for this group to meet for prayer, bible studies and community service.

Ultimately, we will seek to establish a larger physical presence through rental or purchase of a facility that will serve as a place of worship and a center of community activity.

Phase 2: Send the missional team

- With the support of existing TCBC ministry teams, the missional team would expand incarnational ministry.
- Coordinate with other Christian fellowships working in the area.
- Continue building the team.

Phase 3: Develop detailed plans for the second site

- As the team sees what God is doing and who he is bringing, the shape of Scott Park ministry for the future will be better-informed.
- Develop detailed plan (ministries, location, budget, etc.) A number of potential venues exist to establish a physical presence. Obviously, the financial commitment required for this step would require corporate resolve to raise and expend the funds.
- Communicate with congregation—seek approval for establishing second site

Phase 4: Establish the second site

- Establish additional ministries according to needs

What will we need?

Financial Resources

Initial phases will require some allocation of funds to set up basic ministries. For full establishment of a second site (phase four), multi-site experts recommend a starting reserve of \$50,000 to enable the second site to function fully. Funds will be for physical supplies, meeting space and for personnel.

People

At least fifty adults should comprise the launch team by phase four. These individuals would be marked by a commitment to make the Second Site their home congregation and to invest their time and effort. In addition, a site pastor would be identified and assigned from the current staff or hired into a new position. Beyond a site pastor, an assessment of critical needs and an assessment of the staffing structure will be a part of the planning and execution of this plan.

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Leadership Unity

The existing Ministry Board oversees the development and ministries of the second site.

Individual committees (Missions, Fellowship, Worship, etc.) will oversee ministry areas across all sites with volunteer staffing from the total congregation. The Ministry Board will need to interact and receive feedback often from the launch team.

The existing Shepherding Council continues facilitating spiritual formation, particularly through the small groups.

A primary task for the Shepherding Council during the launch of the site will be to determine best way to implement small groups in a multi-site congregation.

Scott Park area

