

# Fellowship Church

## Vision

"Even though only one percent of the world's population are collegians, what a powerful one percent they are! This small sliver of humanity provides leaders for every facet of society".<sup>1</sup> At Fellowship Church, we've always believed reaching college students for Christ is key to changing the world for Christ. Fellowship's vision is to train them up to be mature, Great Commission-minded disciples of Jesus, and send them out all over the world to plant new churches or be leaders in existing ones.

Fellowship Church was started in 1977 with a focus on reaching students at Texas A&M University with the Gospel, and preparing them to be workers in Christ's kingdom the rest of their lives. Since then, thousands of Aggies have grown spiritually through the ministry of Fellowship and moved on to serve the Lord in hundreds of churches all over the world.



At Fellowship, a key to our success and our primary strategy has always been making disciples through small groups, which we call homegroups. These are small communities of people meeting in homes, dorm rooms, or campus lounges with the desire to help one another be like Christ to each other and to the lost world around them.

We began with one homegroup in 1977, and have grown to 25 in 2011. We have more than 350 university students involved in 15 student homegroups and are planning to start five new student homegroups by 2012.

Fellowship also desires to holistically reach our community. We do this through 10 other homegroups made up of international students (mostly graduate students), recent college graduates, married couples, families, and singles.

Our vision is to train and send out future leaders of the world. Leadership development occurs at many levels throughout the church. Each homegroup has a leadership core that is committed to helping the other members mature in Christ under the mentorship of pastors or senior staff. We have training classes for leaders covering spiritual development and interpersonal issues. We also have extensive equipping classes on our church-wide equipping night. See Appendix for more information.

Church planting is what started Fellowship in 1977, and this continues to be a core vision of our church. Besides sending out teams to help with several church plants in the DFW area in the mid-80s, we have planted three more churches since then: [1] University of Central Florida in 1997, [2] University of North Texas in 2000, and [3] Texas State University in 2010. We are sending our first international church plant team to East Asia in 2013, and we are praying about a potential church plant to Nigeria in the coming years. Our next stateside church plant will most likely be at the University of Texas, and there are several already committed to going on this church plant.

Foreign missions has been a growing component of our vision over the years. As well as reaching international students at Texas A&M for many years, we currently have four foreign international partnerships that are focused on church planting: East Asia; Milan, Italy; Monterrey, Mexico; and Nigeria. We have a developing Missions Mentoring program to train and send foreign missionaries and foreign church planting teams. Currently, there are 13 individuals who believe they will be on the foreign mission field in the future, and this does not include the five-person East Asia church plant team. See our 2011 Harvest Newsletter in the Appendix for more information on our foreign partnerships.

1. College Students The Powerful 1% by Steve Shadrach, <http://www.missionfrontiers.org/issue/article/college-students>

# WHY is a building needed now?

We have been leasing an office for our church staff, leadership meetings, and discipling/counseling appointments for 26 years. Our current leased office space has one conference room for small groups of leaders to meet, and one prayer/counseling room. We currently do not have enough room to office our church staff nor host our regular leadership meetings that can get as large as 80 people.

Fellowship has four pastors and 13 full-time ministry staff people whose work is based from the leased 2,550 sq.ft. church office suite. All of the campus ministry staff use small cubicles with three to a room. It's pretty full! [What about staff raising support?]



**Equipping Class**

Effective homegroups need well-trained leaders. There are about 80 men and women serving in leadership now. That number grows week-by-week, and every year some leaders leave the area due to graduating from university and/or taking jobs in other cities. Some leave to help plant churches in other university settings, or to serve the Lord in other countries. So, there is a constant need for developing new leaders in character, knowledge and ministry skills.

Besides housing our growing staff, leader training is the primary purpose for the proposed building. Fellowship does leader training in many ways—small clusters of leaders meeting weekly; weekly equipping classes in leadership skills, evangelism, Bible, church history, finances; monthly church-wide leader sessions; personal mentoring and counseling. We also are have a growing foreign missions sending component with plans to

send our first foreign church plant in 2013. Also, having planted three churches since 1997 stateside, we plan to continue to train and send church plants to campus settings in the future.

All of this training is carried out in the church offices now, day and night, every day of the week! Each day, pastors and ministry staff meet one-on-one with members and clusters of leaders. Student leadership teams often meet at night in pastors' offices. The proposed building will have rooms better designed for all of those uses, and there won't be monthly rent to pay.



**One-on-One Discipleship**



# WHAT

## does The Next Step Project include?

The 5,000 square foot first floor of the new building as currently planned includes six private offices, 12 semi-private office cubicles, a conference room, a kitchen-break room and classroom for about 70. A large covered porch wraps around two sides of the building, providing beautiful views of Wolf Pen Creek park and multiple conversation spots.



Architectural rendition of the building

The plan and budget is to build a two story building, but to only 'finish out' the rooms on the first floor. The 5,000 sq.ft. second floor space can be finished out after the church has used the lower floor awhile and can better determine best use of the space (and raise additional funds).

Projected cost for the building and parking area is \$950,000. The estimate is based on current average cost per square foot for this type of building and site improvements in this region. College Station building codes and standards are some of the toughest in Texas.

The proposed building is essentially an inexpensive metal building dressed up with masonry, porches and other architectural features to make it attractive and comply with city requirements.

We were able to purchase a 2.5 acre lot in 2010, immediately adjacent to a well-liked city park with amphitheater, arts center, miles of walking paths and picnic spots along Wolf Pen Creek. The location is close to the A&M campus and the regional shopping mall. There is an Aggie bus stop right in front of it, and large student apartment complexes across the street.

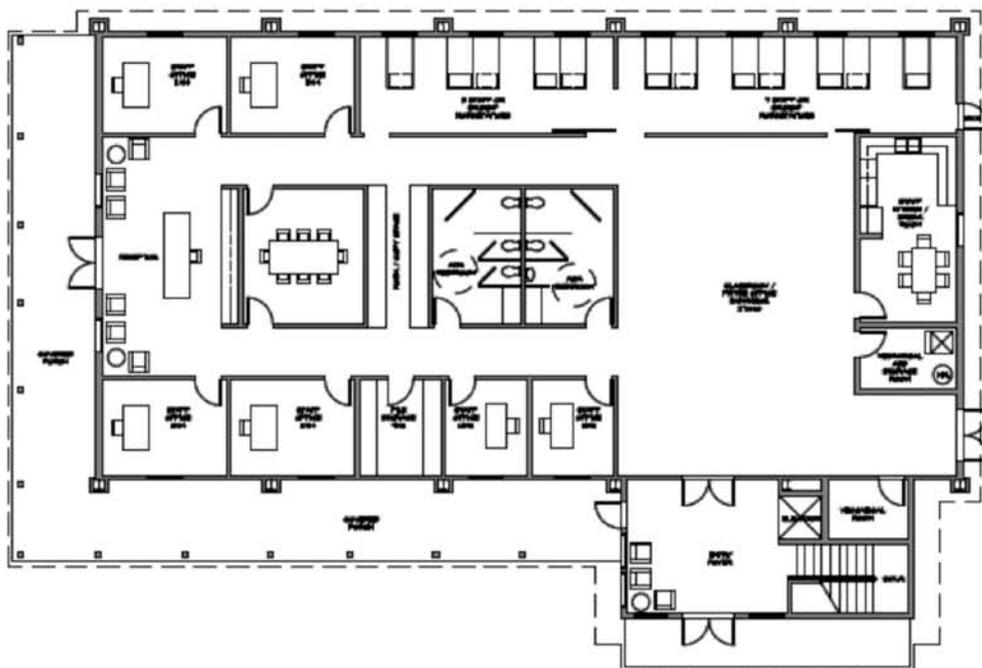
The city is about to spend several more million dollars developing a festival area in the Wolf Pen Creek park next to our land with three new pavilions, water fountain, and a large circular path where festival booths and exhibits can be. The property is about as close to Texas A&M University as could be. We believe this new building on our own property is a key next step to enable us to continue to affect generations to come for Christ at Texas A&M University and beyond.



# The Next Step Project

# Building

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See more drawings online at [thenextstepproject.com](http://thenextstepproject.com)



# GCM STAFF

## from Fellowship Church

Although Fellowship Church relies heavily on volunteer leaders having a leadership community of over 80, we have had a growing dependence on the GCM staff program to provide local staff and missionaries.

### *GCM Staff members at Fellowship Church*

#### Texas A&M

- John Schmid- 1993
- Steve Kessler - 1993
- Neva Lund- 1999
- Serene Schmid - 1999 (PT)
- Sarah Stewart - 2002
- Jenni Olowo - 2005
- Mark Gonzalez - 2007
- Macie Gonzalez - 2007 (PT)
- Stephen Muenich - 2008
- Brent Wilson - 2009 (PT)
- Kyle Kroeger - 2009
- Sharon Jaffe- 2009
- Ben Yates - 2009
- Jordan Castille - 2010
- Michelle Muenich- 2010 (PT)
- Christina Kroeger- 2010 (PT)
- Justin Poenisch - 2011

#### Staff Currently Raising Support

- Shawn Ware- 2011
- Jason Werner- 2011 (EAP)
- Darlys Werner- 2011 (EAP)
- Rollin Mayes-2011 (PT)
- Paul Stuff- 2012
- Amanda Stuff- 2012
- Robert Wenck- 2012 (EAP)
- Misti Miller- 2012 (EAP)

*If no end date is indicated, the person is still on staff up to the present. PT indicates part-time staff*

### *GCM Staff from Fellowship Church at other locations*

#### Univeristy of North Texas

- Jatin Patel 1989-1991  
(Currently Pastor)
- Susan Bullinger- 1997

#### Texas State University

- David Grotheim- 2001
- Greg Stadter - 2008
- Clif Turner- 2009

#### GCC in Columbus, Ohio

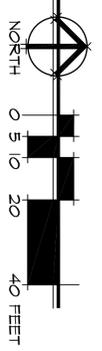
- David Baker- 1989-2010





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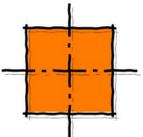
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