



FPC Multisite FAQ's

1. **What is a multisite church?**

A multisite church is one church with multiple locations. It is an initiative that will enable churches to expand beyond their walls while deepening their congregation's connectedness and maintaining a local focus with each campus.

2. **Why is FPC becoming a multisite church?**

Our goal is to impact the unchurched of the world for God starting in the seven surrounding counties. We must provide various locations to allow us to reach people for Christ.

3. **What is a multisite campus?**

A multisite campus is a new venue with the same quality of music, and even the same teaching that occurs at the original campus. Just like adding a new service time at the church, a multisite campus occurs at a new location, while sharing the same leadership, budget, vision, beliefs and DNA of the original campus. Each campus is a fully-functioning extension of the original campus.

4. **What is the difference between a multisite church and a church plant?**

A church plant is usually a small delegation of people who leave a church to go develop a brand new church. Typically, church plants have their own pastor, Elders, and their own budget with some financial help from the "sending" church; otherwise, they are a new entity. Multisites are new, extended congregations of our church, not independent churches. Multisite is one church meeting in multiple locations.

5. **How will we remain one church while meeting in multiple locations?**

We will be one church, one mission, one staff, one budget, one vision. While there will be nuances between the campuses, primarily around differing facilities, each campus will embody the values of FPC.

6. **How many multisite campuses will we have?**

God gave us a vision when we began as a church to reach the world for God starting in our seven surrounding counties. Our hope is that as God provides the resources and presents us with opportunities, we will be able to launch multisite campuses each year as we pursue the vision.

7. **How do you determine where to launch a new campus?**

We would like to have an location accessible to each of the seven surrounding counties that FPC desires to impact. When we have a suitable facility, willing core and a campus pastor to lead them – we are ready to launch another FPC location!

8. **Will there be a pastor on-site at the campus?**

Each FPC campus will have its own pastor on staff – the Campus Pastor. He serves as the "quality control director" and the supervisor for all the staff affiliated with that campus.

9. **How are the multisite campuses governed?**

Though each campus has its own full-time Campus Pastor to provide leadership to staff and ministries, all FPC campuses will be governed by one Senior Pastor, Leadership Team and Elder Board. This ensures that all FPC campuses remain accountable, consistent, cohesive, and coordinated by the original campus.

10. **What are the weekly services like at a multisite campus?**

Both the goal and challenge of each multisite campus is to recreate all the main elements of the original church campus at an off-site venue. This means that great effort is put forth to replicate the same preschool, children, student, small groups and worship services, with the look, feel, and experience of FPC Pellissippi Campus.

11. **What led us to choose this initiative as our long-term growth strategy?**
The vision of Faith Promise Church is to reach the unchurched of the world for God starting in our 7 surrounding counties. Knowing that there are more than 354,000 unchurched people in Knoxville and the surrounding counties, we are motivated to do everything we can to make FPC accessible to multiple areas. Statistics show that people prefer to attend a church within a 15 minute drive. We will bring church to the people.
12. **Are you looking at other places?**
More multisite locations are in FPC's future. We are looking at Anderson County, North Knox & Loudon. We gauge the need by calculating the demographic of members/attendees in the area, key leaders in the area, available facilities, and the right campus pastor.
13. **What is going to be available at the new campuses?**
When we launch we will have staff and key leaders in place to operate all of the essential elements of preschool ministry, children's ministry, student ministry, worship teams, First Impressions, small groups and everything else needed to provide a full weekend experience.
14. **How will existing ministries be effected?**
Individual ministries will take on new multisite perspectives to meet the needs of and communicate to a geographically expanded congregation.
15. **How will the preschool and children's ministries function on a second site?**
There will be preschool and children's programs at the Blount Campus. While the facilities will obviously be different, organizing ministry for our kids and those who will be reached at our new campus is a top priority.
16. **Will 1st Wednesday be done at each campus?**
The Blount Campus will likely have a First Wednesday Celebration service.
17. **How many volunteers will be needed?**
It will take hundreds of volunteers to staff each of our locations. Each location will have a worship ministry, First Impressions, preschool, children's, etc.
18. **How do we maintain the vibrancy of off campus Groups?**
Groups will be led by volunteers who have undergone training and preparation. The goal of all Groups will be to stay true to our values: build authentic community and intimacy with God.
19. **Who is paying for this?**
This location, along with future locations, will be funded like any other ministry at FPC. We budget according to God's vision given to us, and then trust that He will provide the funds.
20. **How much will the Blount Campus cost?**
Launching a new site will cost anywhere from \$350,000 to \$500,000. We will likely lease a facility and renovate to suit our needs. This will require creativity and the stretching of ministry dollars.
21. **What is the financial plan for sustaining each campus?**
Statistically, most multisite campuses become self sustained within two years of their initial launch, provided that the sending campus supplies 100% of their pre-launch budget and 50% of their operating budget for the first two years.
22. **Who can I contact if I have questions about our new Blount County Campus?**
Our Blount County Campus Pastor is Wayne Burress. He can be reached by calling 865-251-2590 or by email wayneb@faithpromise.org