



Primary Facilities' Options

Both options enable us to live our mission to follow Jesus, share life, and transform the world. Both options enable us to live missionally and to introduce more people to Jesus. Each option involves a different strategy for accomplishing our mission together.

Riverside Covenant Church exists to glorify God by becoming disciples of Jesus Christ who share life in authentic community and transform the world through God's love, truth and power.

	Three or More Worship Services in Current Facility	New Facility
Potential Strategy	Riverside's mission is best accomplished in our families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and community. <u>Our building is only where we meet together once a week. Our small and simple building will communicate that our ministry happens outside the building. Our building will increase our presence in the community through use of alternative meetings spaces and increased resources to spend on mission/outreach, ministries, and staff.</u>	Riverside's mission is best accomplished through a ministry tool that provides space for large gatherings of adults and kids, adequate parking, and ministry flexibility. <u>Our building is the hub of our ministries. Our new and larger building will communicate that our community is welcome. Our building will increase the quality of our ministry through improved space for worship together, a larger Welcome Center, larger and more flexible classrooms, recreational space, and generally more room.</u>
Why	The church is people and we are willing to endure some discomfort in order to maximize our resources for mission and ministry.	Our facility is one of our ministry tools and an improved ministry tool will enhance our ministries and provide comfort for guests.
Verse	"the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands." (Acts 7:48)	"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. . . Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts." (Acts 2:42,46)
Motto	Less space, more ministry.	More space, improved ministry.
Feel	Crowded, full, intimate, simple	Open, spacious, comfortable, nice
Long-term	Multiply current congregation into multiple services at the same facility	Multiply current congregation in a new facility that accommodates more people.
Weaknesses	scheduling conflicts, feels more crowded, harder to balance attendance at multiple services, less on-site space for adult formation, youth & children, less convenient parking, more volunteers needed	higher financial cost, feels less intimate, less service time options, more unused space during week, further from center of community, potential mission distraction with emphasis on building

Questions to Consider:

- What does each option communicate to our community about the Gospel?
 - What Bible passages/verses inform each option?
 - What values are communicated in each option?
 - What would each option require of us?
- What opportunities and threats would each option present?
 - Which option "feels" Riverside-ish? Why?
 - What risks would each option necessitate?