

REDEEMER LAND/BUILDING

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why a new facility? What's wrong with our current one?

4 years ago when we purchased our existing location on Hirschfield, we did so with the acknowledgment that it was too small for our long term needs. Due to the lack of available property around it, we knew it would likely be something we would outgrow, both from a land and a building perspective. Building additional buildings would require available adjacent land and would necessitate added detention. The land & additional space are not available.

Our current building is not conducive to future growth, and isn't ideal even for current needs. Depending on whether you attend the second service (where we are regularly near capacity) whether you have young children, or whether you have visited our off-site rented office space – you may not always see these constraints. Additionally, our children's building, aside from being less than inviting due to the nature of using portable buildings, they are often overcrowded for merely the children who are currently at Redeemer. These spaces make for less than optimal environments for ministry to our children and a deterrent to new families visiting the church.

Why build instead of buying an existing building, renovating, leasing, etc.?

As our building team met with 3 different realtors over a period of nearly 12 months, it became clear that leasing (due to outrageous monthly costs) and buying an existing building (due to lack of available structures in Tomball) were not feasible options. Though expensive, the only available and affordable option is to buy land and build.

Why the Baker Dr. location vs. others?

Our building team looked at dozens of properties in the Tomball area, slowly narrowing down to about 10 and then 3. Unfortunately, we were faced with the problem that many of the properties which met our size and location parameters were either 1.) In a location that was either difficult to get to or way outside of Tomball; or 2). A commercial property that was simply way beyond what we felt was reasonable to spend. Because the property on Baker Rd. is central to Tomball, yet zoned for residential usage, this made it more affordable than many other properties we considered.

Why 9.87 acres?

As we began considering the sort of facility we would need, we believed that we could begin with a facility in the range of 20,000 sqft. In order to build

such a building in Tomball, with appropriate detention and parking, we would need a minimum of 5 acres. However, in order to make this a long term property and facility for Redeemer we believe that there should be room on the property for potential future growth and even possible usable space to serve our community. Because of this, our search was focused on properties in the range of 7-10 acres. We also considered several properties slightly smaller and slightly larger.

Why not plant churches instead of building a building? How do these two things go together?

The Elders at Redeemer believe we must take a short and a long view toward church planting. If God would be so gracious, we believe the best situation from which we will plant future churches around the North Houston region (and beyond), is by planting ourselves for the long haul in Tomball. In doing so, we hope to continue to grow and become a hub for many future church plants, sending both people and finances for this work. We have concluded that our current facility is not adequate to serve as such a hub for church planting. Therefore, we want to find a facility that will serve as a long-term facility for the Redeemer family, while also laboring toward current church plants and preparing for future ones.

Why go into debt to build?

Though the Elders and Financial Deacons at Redeemer are not opposed to taking on a responsible amount of debt, we are also not eager to do so. Our deacons have determined, according to our monthly budget, that a loan of \$500,000 is all we are comfortable taking on at this time. Though we do believe that, just as with our families, exorbitant debt is unwise, we do believe for an investment such as land and buildings, a wise amount of debt may be helpful and beneficial for future growth and ministry. Because we do not believe it wise to take on a larger amount of debt, our ability to pay for this land and then begin to build a building will depend on the pooling together of the resources of the Redeemer family. Only as God provides what is needed will we be able to move forward on land and building.

I like small churches. Is Redeemer going to get "big"?

Though growth is not our goal, we hope to see many people come to Jesus as we make much of Jesus in Tomball. However, we are currently considering a facility that will seat approximately 400+ people. We hope to be a church family where others might be drawn to the Savior, while at the same time sending many people out to be on mission in church plants, unreached peoples, and wherever else the Holy Spirit might send those from Redeemer Church. We don't believe this facility is a means by which we can get a "bigger" church. Rather, by which we might glorify God by making disciples and making much of Jesus.