

WATERVIEW'S TIME LINE FOR A CHURCH PLANT

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1994

- Strategic planning for Waterview Church's future begun in January.
- Congregational survey in March showed 61% said consider "church plant" as part of Waterview future outreach
- December "town hall meeting" discussed 12 acre site for the McDermott church
9 miles away in far north Plano, Tx
- The congregation voted 60% - 40% to "lock in" the possible site, and 2nd vote approved the purchase price.

1995 - 1996

- The Waterview Eldership took time out to do a "Umbrella" VISION STUDY
- THE VISION?
 - +To be a servant-leader church (inspired by the model of Jesus)
 - +Serving Waterview, our community, the Kingdom, and the surrounding world
 - + Leading as directed by the Bible, in a stable environment, with dynamic and innovative methods.

1997

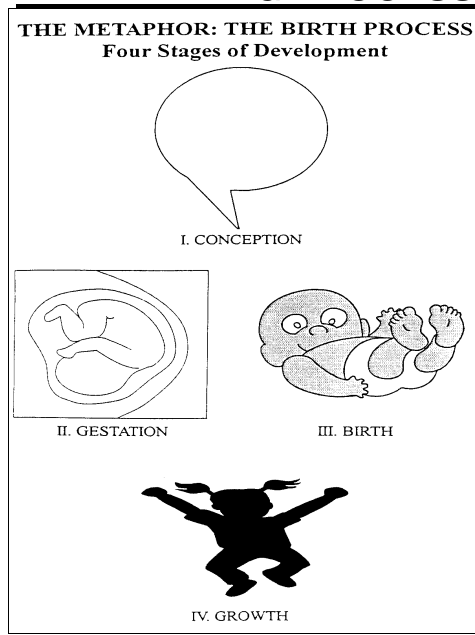
- Two Task Forces were put in motion by the Elders
 1. A FINANCIAL IMPACT TASK FORCE to study dollar cost.
 2. A PEOPLE IMPACT TASK FORCE to study WV personnel cost.
- The project promoted by bulletin articles, sermons, short video tapes, etc.
- After consultation with the Waterview deacons, another town hall meeting was held to dispense information and answer questions.
- A referendum for the whole congregation was held, and a "go-ahead" vote of 80%-20% approved the project.

1998

- A G-7 TASK FORCE of seven men was commissioned by the Waterview Elders to study the project and present a tentative proposal for how to proceed.
- After the G-7 report was accepted, then an IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE of 9 was created:
 1. The Eldership appointed 4 Waterview members
 2. The Church plant group selected 5 members, with one of them to be chairman.
 3. This group met every week for months and engineered all the details of how the plant was to be implemented.
- The group going to the church plant is identified and got acquainted.
- PREACHER SEARCH TASK FORCE composed of men from WV & McDermott Road
(Church plant Preacher is brought on board in 1999)

1999

THE BIRTHING PROCESS



- The meeting in the Waterview building for a separate Sunday morning worship in the church plant began chapel.
- August 15 – Separate worship and classes in WV building on different schedule.
- Oct. – Groundbreaking on the new site
- Dec. – Waterview paid off the 12 acres for McDermott site

2000

- Church plant contributions begin to be counted separately
- New church given a \$50,000 “start up” cost for their treasury
- Move to new site with 200 + members in modular church building
- Waterview retains a legal “ground lease” control factor to guard against a “hostile take-over” by undesirable elements, and its effective life lasts only until the new church appoints its own eldership.

McDERMOTT ROAD’S TIME LINE FOR A CHURCH PLANT

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1999

- September 26 – Pyles Joins the Work at McDermott Road Church
- Assemblies at Waterview on Sunday
- Wednesday assembly in rented facility
- Office at Waterview
- Weekly Waterview elders’ meetings and staff meetings

2000

- Leadership Structure
 - Implementation Task Force
 - Ministry Leaders
- February 13 – Steering Committee Appointed
- April 2 - First Sunday On-Site
- Modular Building
 - Cost-effective
 - Multi-use

2000

- *Key Concept: Flexibility*
- September 10 – Second Assembly Added
- November 19 – Off-Site Bible Classes
 - Rice Middle School

- ½ mile away
- As many as 6 Bible classes
- Continued use for 3+ years

2001

- January 14 – Appointment of Elders (5)
- March 18 - Youth Minister Added to Staff
- October 14 - First Tent Meeting
- *Key Concept: Fellowship*
- December 16 – Dissolution of Eldership
- *Key Concepts: Fortitude & Focus*

2001

- Background, preparation, stability and sense of identity demonstrated their value
- A lesser prepared church plant would likely have faced a major crisis and serious set-backs
- Waterview resumed trusteeship of legal entity
 - Support and encouragement without spiritual oversight
 - Respect for autonomy
 - Continued until new eldership was appointed

2001

- Ministry Leaders
- Accountability Teams
- Next 1 ½ years without an eldership

2003

- April 6 – Groundbreaking for Permanent Facility
- July 13 – Elders Appointed (3)
- October 19 – Deacons Appointed (16)

2004

- February 15 – First Sunday in New Facility
 - 20,000 square feet
 - Next 10 ½ months in one morning worship assembly
- February 29 - Additional Deacons Appointed (10)

2005

- January 9 - Return to Two Morning Assemblies
- March 6 - Inversion of Sunday Night and Wednesday Night Formats
- August 14 - Additional Elder Appointed
- Fourth Quarter – Planned Addition to Ministry Staff

Waterview / McDermott Road Relationship

- Ties Remain Strong
- Periodic Pulpit Exchanges
- Summer Series
- Singing & Ice Cream Fellowships
- Summer Camp

To God Be the Glory

- While we have attempted to do all that we can to plant a church in a manner dictated by wisdom and faithfulness to the Word of God, our human effort is insufficient to bring success.
- It is God who has caused the increase and granted growth, and He is to be praised!

Growth

- A.M. Worship Attendance: 630
- Bible Class Attendance: 520
- 28 Baptisms in 2004
- 22 Baptisms to Date in 2005

Connection with Community

- Distribution of Family-Friendly Literature
- Community Oriented Seminars
 - Lynn McMillon
 - Don Hebbard
 - Steve Diggs
- Cross-Access Agreement with School Next Door
- Brownie, Daisy, and Boy Scout Troops
- Home Owners Association Meetings

Mission Work

- Estonia
 - Ron & Judy Warpole
 - Elders and others visiting the field
- Honduras
 - 7 local evangelists in and around Gualaco
- -4 short-term mission teams sent each year

The Four “P’s”

- Prayer
- Planning
- Preparation
- Perseverance

The Four “F’s”

- Flexibility
- Fellowship
- Focus
- Fortitude

Take the Long View and Make a Long-Term Commitment

- Comment from Robert Oglesby on the challenges of a church plant as he reflected upon Waterview’s beginnings:

“Those first six or seven years were pretty tough!”

Future

- We believe that we must be a planting church.
- Our Biblical mandate to make disciples and our own congregational history demand it.

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