

Beyond an Edifice Complex: Twelve Facilities Improvements Under \$1,000

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What a tragedy that the quality of ministry is too often measured by numbers and building size, rather than by true spiritual results.

Jim Cymbala

The key to understanding
the stewardship of efficiency
in church buildings
is to continually remind ourselves
that our buildings are not the church.

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Church facilities are only tools
to help fulfill the congregational mission.

Spending less money on facilities
means there is more money to spend
on programs and ministries.

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Ask the right questions:

1. Are we using our current facilities in the most efficient manner?
2. If the current facilities do not meet our needs, what adjustments can be made?

Build on your strengths

Fulfill your congregation's mission

Areas of Improvement

1. First impressions
2. Worship spaces
3. Program spaces
4. Public/fellowship spaces

First Impressions

Park and ride center

Municipal parking lot

Stacked parking

Lighting

Signs

Landscaping

Memorial garden

Storage facility

Tent or canopy

Playground

Visible ramp

Handrails

Automatic door opener

Vestibule/lobby/entry

Worship Spaces

Remove the chancel

Crying room

Chairs instead of pews

Large print hymn books
and orders of service

Some shorter pews

Sound system/personal
listening device

Chairs with/out arms

Wider chairs

Multiple worship
services

Website for Multiple Worship Services

www.uua.org/cde/education/addingworshipservices.pdf

Program Spaces

Right-size program
spaces

Fresh coat of paint

Change group size

Wall coverings/acoustical
panels

Wall dividers/curtains

Public/Fellowship Spaces

Update wiring

Name tags

Renovate kitchen

Conversation nooks

Rectangular tables

Scattered Tables and
Chairs

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