



# Q & A

## *Reaching Tulsa One Ministry Zone at A Time*

### **Q. Why are we adopting a 3rd Ministry Zone?**

- A. As a Church, we discovered through our Strategic Plan a concept of how to efficiently and effectively reach our local area for Christ. A Ministry Zone was defined as a specific school district in the Tulsa Metro or surrounding area that we adopt as a mission. Our goal is to adopt the school in that district and minister to the teachers & administration, students, their parents, and the neighbors that live in that district. Our long range goal is to provide a church within that zone, thus, reaching Tulsa, one ministry zone at a time.

Our first two ministry zones were Salk and Key Elementary. We are continuing to increase our ministry to these two zones and Parkview Baptist Church is the church for these zones. We now believe that it is time to reach out to another part of Tulsa and multiply our influence. This 3rd Ministry Zone would start out by Parkview adopting a school in a surrounding area of Tulsa that needs our ministry. After a time of ministry to that school district, we would begin a church in that area. Biblically, the reason we are doing a 3rd Ministry Zone is because we want to impact and reach the Tulsa area with the Gospel. We not only believe this is the way God has led us as a church to accomplish this task; we also believe this is the best way to reach Tulsa...One Ministry Zone at A Time.

### **Q. Why should we start another church when there are churches on every corner?**

- A. While the perception is that there are churches on every corner, research has revealed that 80% of the Tulsa area is not actively engaged in a local church. Many church buildings are underutilized and many congregations are not making an impact in their part of the city. We believe that God has called us and has opened up doors of opportunity to reach our community through our Ministry Zone emphasis. (See other side for more questions and answers)

(Please write your question here, detach and place in the Sunday School box. We will attempt to answer these questions through the Messenger, and on Wednesday night Bible study, and through Sunday School over the next 3 weeks.)

#### **My Question is:**

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**Q. Why start another zone when we haven't finished at Salk and Key?**

- A. The same question was asked when we were approached by Key Elementary to adopt them. Some thought it was too soon and that we needed to focus solely on Salk. However, two years later and because of our obedience, God has multiplied our opportunities to impact hundreds of more families with the Gospel. We have seen people come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, that otherwise we would have missed had we waited.

The truth is, we will never be “finished” in any zone. There will always be plenty of ministry to do within an existing zone and it could always be said that we are not ready to adopt another one. However, while we will continue to expand and minister to other parts of our Salk and Key Ministry Zones, we simply believe that it is God’s timing for a 3rd zone. This 3rd Zone will allow us to reach a part of our community that we have not reached before and will also eventually allow for an opportunity to begin a church to minister to the specific needs of that zone.

**Q. How do we know this is what God wants us to do?**

- A. As we learned in Experiencing God, we need to see where God is at work and join Him. Three years ago, the Lord revealed to us a strategic plan for reaching our city. At the same time, the Tulsa Metro Baptist Association was receiving a similar vision for an increased need in church planting. Through this and a number of other confirming events, we believe that God has led us each step of the way.

In addition, over the past three years, the Lord has sent us a number of new members from Broken Arrow. These families have a burden to reach this part of our region with the Gospel. Consequently, many of them have helped form our Exploratory Team that has been seeking God’s leadership for our 3rd Ministry Zone.

Proverbs 3:5-6 are our theme verses for the Exploratory Team and says: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths”. We are trusting God to lead us every step of the way. We are claiming His promise that when we depend completely upon Him for direction, that He will make our path straight to the next step of faith for our church.

Our Exploratory Team has spent much of the summer on a vision tour of Broken Arrow, interviewing potential schools, praying, and seeking the Lord. God has closed doors and opened new ones. The Exploratory Team believes that they are very close to bringing an exciting recommendation to our church.

## **STRATEGIC VISION OVERVIEW**

### **OUR INTERNAL STRATEGY**

#### **LOVE GOD**

Loving God by who we are.  
“Parkview Baptist Church...  
where Every Member is Ministered to  
And Every Member is a Minister”

### **OUR EXTERNAL STRATEGY**

#### **LOVE PEOPLE**

Loving People by what we do.  
“Parkview Baptist Church...  
reaching Tulsa One Zone at a Time”