

Define What Opening Day Looks Like

What will the new church look like on opening day? A very important question that shapes what you do between now and opening day! This action is not intended to constrain God. It is intended to proactively guide your planning to achieve more than you otherwise would have. By defining a target for what you are shooting for (opening day), understanding where you are today, and putting a plan together for getting from where you are to where you want to be, you will have a better chance of reaching your goals. Answer these to the best of your ability. If in doubt, go with your gut instinct. There are no right or wrong answers, only dreams.

Complete the following:

The new church will be launched (first public worship service) on Sept. 12, 2004.

On opening day, a total attendance of 500 is expected. Three months after launch, total attendance is expected to be averaging 250 per week.

At launch, a core group of at least 45 adults should be actively participating in small groups within the target area. Through community outreach events and an aggressive small group ministry within the community, the core group will be established and built-up.

Within three months of launch, 50 % of the weekly average adult attendance is targeted to be participating in small groups. Within one year of launch, the average number of people participating in small groups is targeted to exceed the average weekly attendance at worship services.

The style of music will be (enter description):

Highly Contemporary, experiential music with a band (acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, drums, tambourine, keyboard, other instruments as needed). In order to reach a diverse background of people, we will use more than just Anglo-contemporary. We will also incorporate Hispanic and African American worship songs and styles, assuming our congregation is diverse. The end result will be upbeat and energetic with appropriate times of calmness.

The number of worship bands at launch will be at least 1.

At launch, the worship ministry will be lead by (circle one):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full-time paid staff member	<input type="checkbox"/> Part-time paid staff member	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Planter	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer
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At launch, there will probably be (circle one) 1 or 2 worship services.

The typical worship service will consist of (provide description): (e.g. 20 minutes of worship, 5 minutes of multimedia creative arts, 1 special song, 40 minutes of sermon, communion, offering and announcements):

2 minutes Welcome/Greeting	7 minutes communion
15 minutes of worship songs/multimedia	3 minutes offering
25 minutes of sermon including 2-3 minutes table activity	7 minutes of worship songs/multimedia
	1 minute of closing

A multimedia projector (circle one) **will** or will not be used for worship services.

The Children's ministry will be fully functional for grades/ages 0 through 5th grade.

Children's Ministry will be fully functional for (circle one) zero one **both** services.

A Sunday morning adult Sunday School (circle one) will or **will not** be implemented. If so, give a brief description:

Introductory / membership class (circle one) **will** or will not be offered within several weeks of launch.

Relational activities with staff (e.g. donuts and coffee Sunday morning, lunch Sunday afternoon, and picnics) (circle one) **will** or will not be offered at launch to connect newcomers.

Special techniques to connect visitors at launch include (brief description):

Welcome Center/Information Table	Cookie Ministry – lay lead
Information Card in the bulletin	Phone calls from pastors
Newcomer's Class	People Driven Software

The initial meeting location will be (provide brief description): (e.g. high school or middle school facility with at least a 450 seat auditorium):
SW Middle School cafetorium 250 around tables max.

The following ministries will be functioning at launch (circle applicable and add more if necessary). Indicate the minimum number of small groups to be functioning in each ministry area at launch:

Children's Ministry	Outreach Ministry 1
Student Ministry (Middle School) 1	Drama Ministry
Student Ministry (Senior High School) 1	Worship Ministry
Young Married/Career Ministry 1	101-301 classes
Adult Ministry 3	Set up – tear down
Men's Ministry 1	Hospitality
Women's Ministry 1	

All ministries (circle one) will or **will not** be small groups based.

**Ministry teams are not considered a life group or a substitute for a life group however if a particular ministry team functions with all the required components of a life group, then it will be considered a life group.

The new church (circle one) **will** or will not be team based.

The following Ministry Teams will be s and fully functioning at launch
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Worship Teams (as indicated above)

Technical/AV Team (sound and lighting production, video editing/production, powerpoint, etc)

Worship Support Team (setup/teardown, communion, offering)

Frontline Team (greeters, hospitality, welcome/information table, tape ministry, etc.)
Finance (money collection, counting, deposits, accounting, books, checks, etc.)
Internet Team
Outreach/Events Team
Children's Team (e.g. setup/teardown, welcome table, material/supplies, curriculum, teachers, etc.)
Administrative Support Team
Sign Team (Outdoor Signs)
Communications Team (e.g. newsletters, flyers, event promotions, service programs, etc.)

Portable signs/banners (circle one) will or will not be used in the community to advertise weekend services. If so, approximately 25 signs (indicate an approximate number) will be used.

A church office (circle one) will or will not be rented.

The cost/quality of the initial equipment package (e.g. sound and lighting equipment) is most likely to be (circle one) donated low cost medium cost high cost

The hospitality/food table will most likely consist of (insert description): (e.g. Starbucks Coffee, Krispy Kreme Donuts, juices, and cookies):
Excellent coffee and donuts, juice for kids