

TOWN HALL FAQ FBC Bremen

Making More Room for More People to Know Jesus

1. Why are we making these changes now?

This direction was first shared in April 2025 and revisited multiple times since. What has changed is not the direction, but the confirmation. Acting now allows us to remove barriers and care for people well, rather than waiting until people are turned away or overlooked.

2. What is the main reason behind everything discussed?

We are *making more room for more people to know Jesus*. That is why worship, groups, parking, and facilities are being addressed together.

3. Why are we moving to two worship services?

One service has become a bottleneck. Two services help create room for worship, children's ministry, and guests, while remaining one church with one mission and the same preaching.

4. Is the choir being discontinued?

No. The choir is not going away. We are grateful for our choir and deeply value choral worship. In our two-service model, the choir will continue to lead in the choir-led worship gathering (10:45 AM). This allows choral worship to flourish while also creating space for an additional worship gathering (@ 9:15 AM) that helps us make more room for people to know Jesus.

5. What if I like things the way they are?

If you value the regular rhythm of a group followed by choir-led worship, that rhythm is still here. Groups will continue to meet at 9:15a, and the 10:45a service will remain familiar with our choir and full instrumentation. We are preserving what has been meaningful while creating space so more people can experience the same gospel and community.

6. Will two services solve our parking problems?

No. Two services help relieve sanctuary pressure, but parking remains our greatest constraint. That's why parking is being treated as a ministry now and addressed structurally in future facility phases.

7. What are "Groups," and what happens in a group?

Groups exist to help people be known, grow as disciples of Christ, and care for one another. In groups, people gather around God's Word, pray together, build relationships, and walk through life together.

8. Is Sunday School going away?

No. Sunday School is not being replaced—it is being recognized for what it already is. Our Sunday School classes already function as groups and fit naturally within our groups strategy.

9. Why are there two group hours on Sunday mornings?

Offering groups at both 9:15 and 10:45 creates flexibility, allows room for growth, and ensures people can be known and cared for as the church grows.

10. Why must the three-story building renovation come first?

Because essential ministry space (especially for children) must exist before any buildings can be removed. Renovating first protects ministry continuity.

11. What will Sunday nights look like going forward?

Sunday nights will look different, but they will remain an important part of our discipleship and care strategy. Sunday nights will become one of several intentional times when groups meet for discipleship, prayer, and care—both on campus and off campus.

Some groups will continue to meet on Sunday evenings at the church. Others will meet in homes or at different times during the week. This flexibility allows groups to meet where and when people can participate most consistently. By repurposing Sunday nights, we are creating more pathways for people to belong and grow as disciples.

12. Will this make us two churches?

No. Two services do not create two churches. We have a shared mission, shared leadership, and strong relationships that keep us one church family.

13. How can I help right now?

By praying, staying engaged, being flexible, and serving—especially in prayer, parking, children's ministry, first impressions, audio/visual and groups. These roles help remove barriers and support the mission.