

# What It Means To Be The Church

When To Build and When Not to

## FOCUS

A congregation should build only when it can do so without shifting its focus from ministering to people to building a building.

## USE

A congregation needs more space only when it is fully using the space it already has.

## PROVISION

A congregation should build only when it can do so within the income God has provided and without using funds needed for the church's present and future ministries to people.

Three principles are gleaned from:

Ray Bowman's, *When Not to Build, An Architect's Unconventional Wisdom for the Growing Church* (p. 24).