



This worksheet is intended to provide a starting point. Local building code requirements may differ; your design professional will help determine exact square footage needed.

1. **Worship Area:** 12 to 14 square feet times the number of desired seats. = _____
 2. **Narthex:** 2 to 3 square feet per person in worship or fellowship, whichever is larger. = _____
 3. **Fellowship Hall:** 12 square feet per person at dining. = _____
 4. **Kitchen Space:** The kitchen should be approximately 15-20% of the size of the fellowship hall. = _____
 5. **Education:** Smaller children require more classroom space than adults.
 - a. 35 square feet per child — nursery through kindergarten
 - b. 30 square feet per child — 1st through 6th grade
 - c. 25 square feet per teen — 7th through 12th grade
 - d. 20 square feet per adult
 = _____
 6. **Rest Rooms:** Roughly 100 to 150 square feet per room. = _____
 7. **Offices:** Sizes vary with use, but a minimum should be 150 square feet. = _____
 8. **Corridors and Storage:** Add 20% to the subtotal of 1-7. +20% _____
- Total Square Footage Needed = _____

Gymnasiums: A High School gym is 50' x 84' and a Junior High gym is 42' x 74'. Some churches will use smaller sizes, depending on the gym's function.

Balconies: By adding a balcony you can add 30% seating to your sanctuary.

Site Size: The size of your site will depend on a realistic projection of how large the church will become. An average site should be between 3 and 5 acres to provide enough space for the building, parking, and future expansion. For large churches, 5 acres would be a minimum. Generally, one acre can accommodate 100 cars.

Parking: Always begin by checking city or county codes for church parking. Typically the parking area should provide approximately 1 parking space for every 2.5 to 3 persons.