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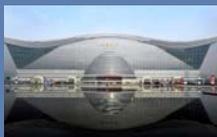
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**The World's
Largest
Building Opens
in China**

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Although Dubai has held claim to the world's tallest building for a few years, China is now claiming to now have the world's largest building. Measuring at 500 meters long, 400 meters wide and 100 meters high, the newly constructed Century Global

Celebrating Kids!



"But Jesus called for them, saying, 'Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all.' "

(Luke 18:16-17, NASB)

Kids are at risk in our society today. Many do not have a strong anchor in their home and are victimized by ungodly influences. Predators lurk around them, seemingly harmless.

Center in Chengdu is reportedly capable of housing 20 Sydney Opera Houses in its 1.7 million square meter interior. Perhaps the center's most unique of attractions - aside from an abundance of high-end shopping outlets, cinemas, office space, conference centers, two five star hotels, a university complex and a replica Mediterranean village - is a massive artificial beach that is illuminated by a giant screen which mimics the horizon and offers sunrises, sunsets and nautical breezes. Though the nearest real beach is 1000km away, visitors are accommodated with an oceanfront paradise that can provide them with literally anything their heart desires. "This is an ocean city built by man," said guide Liu Xun, according to the Sydney Morning Herald. "There will be 1000 rooms (in the hotels) and all will have seaside views." More images can be seen [here](#).



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Where can these kids find a safe refuge and learn how to surmount life's obstacles? What better place than in a caring church, and especially one that presents a lively, fun environment?

Many churches today are strategically reaching out to children, even as Jesus taught us to do. Here at TPC Architects we are seeing a greater emphasis on the planning of active children's environments than ever before. Following is a glimpse of this encouraging effort.

Laguna Chinese Baptist Church Elk Grove, CA (TPC Project)



Laguna Chinese Baptist Church will break ground in August on a 14,000 sq. ft. education building, designed primarily around their kids. This family friendly community church celebrates kids! Although the building also includes space for junior and senior high kids, it is deliberate in creating a fun environment for children.



This Phase 2 project compliments the church's 500 seat multi-purpose facility (shown in the background of this

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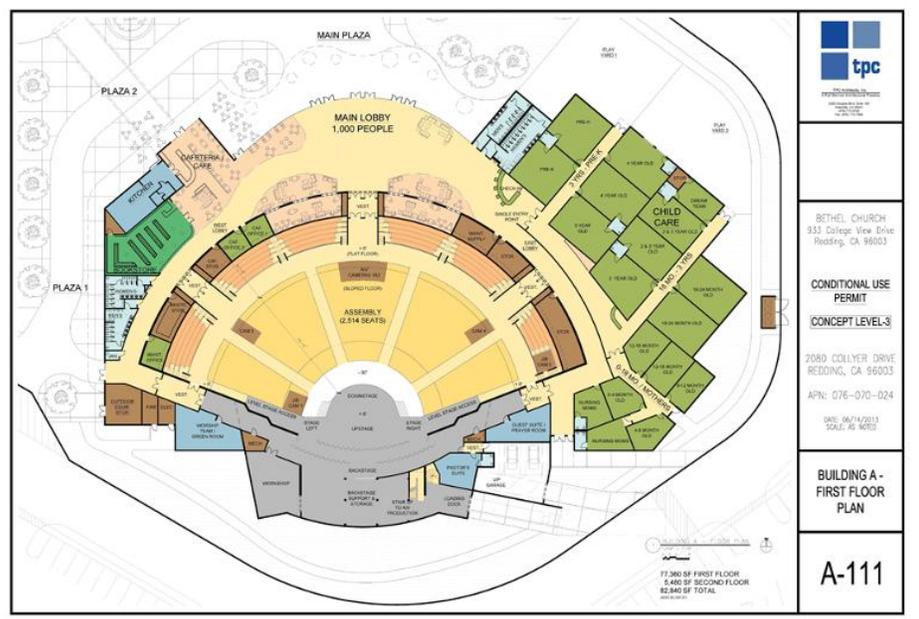
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image). The church master planned this facility several years ago, and it was approved as part of their conditional use permit with the City. Let the celebration begin!

Bethel Church Redding, CA (TPC Project)



On a larger scale, Bethel Church purchased 38 acres on which to construct a new education-centered campus. Their main assembly room seats 2,600 people, used both for worship and for their Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry teaching sessions. The Child Care (birth-4 year olds) space is shown to the right in green, and provides for over 400 kids. They are clearly celebrating kids!

Adventure Christian Church Roseville, CA (TPC Project)



We featured this children's education building in our May 2012 newsletter. What a great place for kids, with four "ports" of adventure. Let the adventure begin!

Gateway Church

Southlake, TX (Not a TPC Project)



Designed by a firm in Dallas, I recently visited this large church in the suburb of Southlake, TX, led by Pastor Robert Morris. Their facility accommodates over 2,000 kids on the weekend, and it is a fun place to be! As with other churches highlighted in this article, the focus is on Jesus Christ, with arms open wide to the kids.

How is God leading you and your church? You don't need a lot of land; you don't need to spend a fortune on thematic design; but we encourage you to embrace children in your planning and design. Doing this touches the heart of God.

May the Lord bless you as you plan!

I encourage you to contact me personally with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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