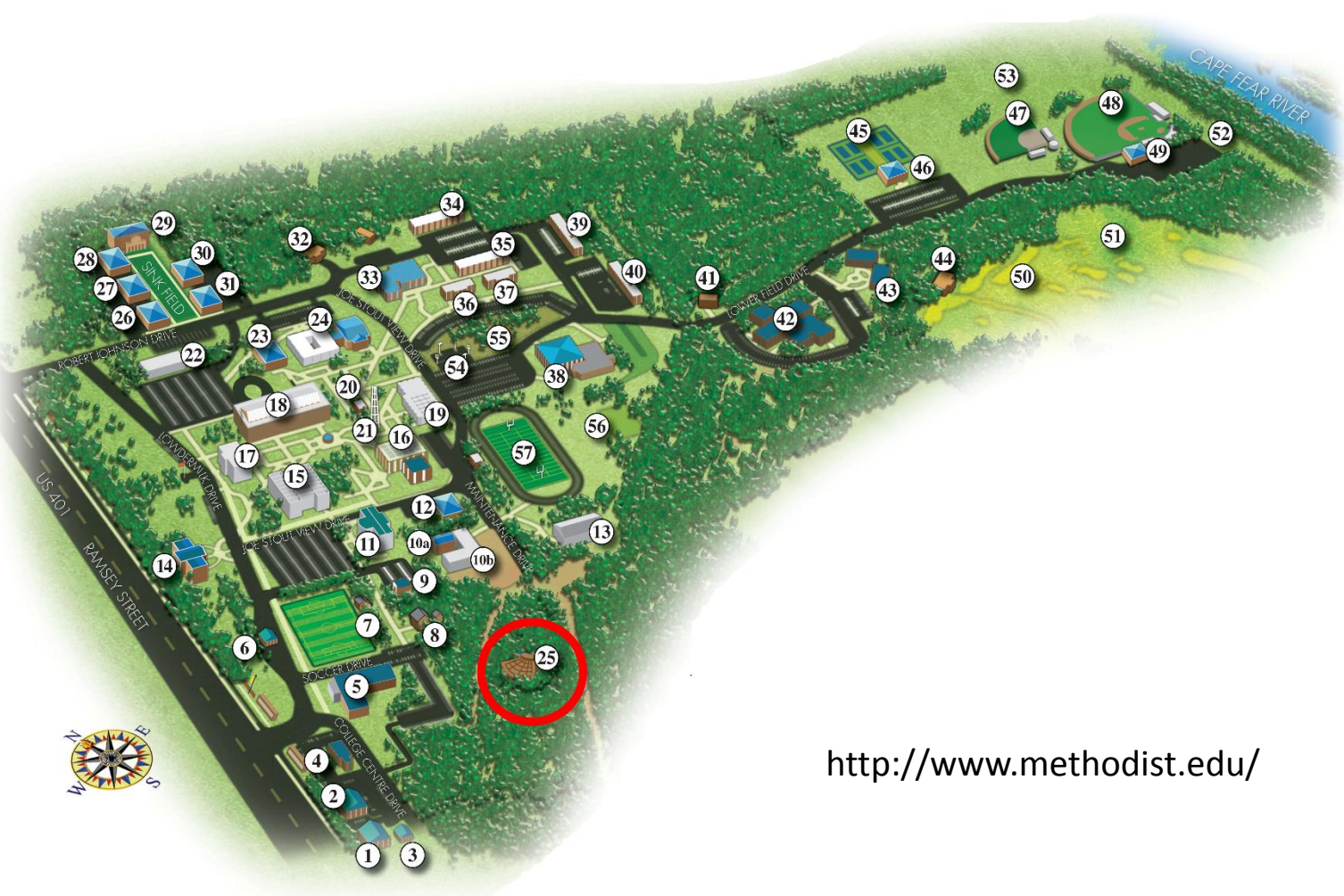


# Outdoor Spaces in the MU Physically-distanced Reality

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## The Problem

Lack of effectively placed outdoor gathering spaces around the Methodist University main campus and the use of the existing spaces.



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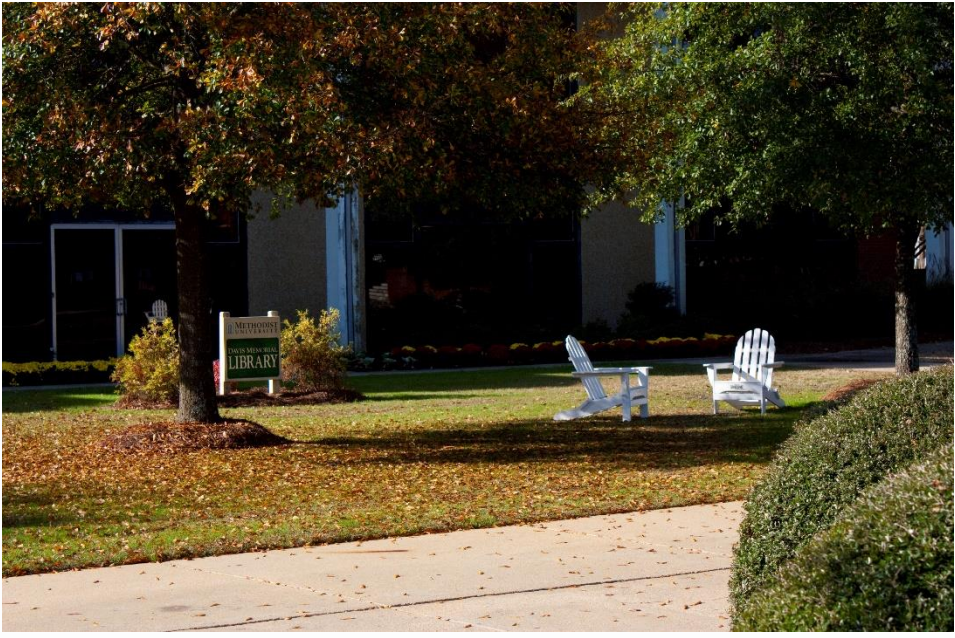
## Costumers Needs/Data Collection

- Students **need** more outdoor spaces and amenities.
- Most students expressed their **desire** for more technology-friendly outdoor spaces and more sitting areas.
- Faculty expressed their **desire** for higher student involvement in activities and initiatives outside.

The data was obtained by surveying both students and faculty.

## Constraints

- Amphitheater location
  - Outside of campus daily activities and interactions
- Cost
  - Make more accessible - clear trees and build a more straightforward sidewalk
- Clearing and accessibility
  - Possible deforestation and visual pollution
- The social/cultural component
  - Not easily measured - not assessable by physical “solutions”



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## Ideas & Possible Solutions

### Major Scale Alternative:

- Improvements to the O'Hanlon Amphitheater - more space and new opportunities for events

### Medium and Low Scale Alternatives:

- Add more chairs and tables to **key** locations around the main campus.
- Add outlets to entice students to go out more



Solutions	Why	Location	Difficulty	Impact
Redo amphitheater	Unusable now, but is a big space that can be used	Behind McLean Health Science Building	High	Adds one more big space to meet and hold big events
Add outlets	Entice students to go outside more	In areas with sitting and tables or popular places	Medium	Makes technology more available outside
Add more tables with chairs	Make more room for students to sit/eat/meet	Behind chapel, outside major buildings, etc.	Low	Adds more sitting room and more comfortable spaces