

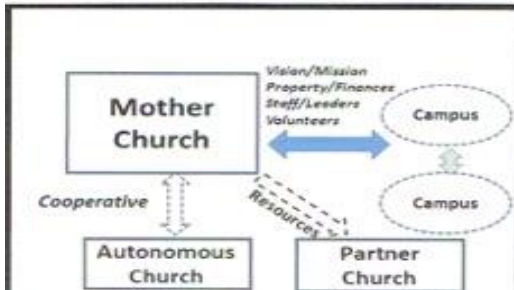
**Calvary Baptist Church
Smithville, TX
Family Vision Meeting #2
5/19/2024 5:00 PM**

Pastor Phillip Cole welcomed everyone and led in a prayer and a responsive reading. He introduced the meeting as focusing on God's plan, and to see above the majority through God's eyes.

He recapped the last meeting by commenting on what this "autonomy" is and what it is not, stressing that it is NOT a split. It is not a change in the character of the Smithville campus. It is "NOT PHIL" (He did not start this idea). It is a transition into a different model in relationship with the Bastrop church.

Why this strategy? A common vocabulary is needed when starting a new work. This strategy allows God to lead the change for the future. It is a clearer path for a campus to transition to independence, if led by God. It fosters healthy church growth.

Below is a diagram of different relationships between a "Mother" church and a campus.



This is Biblically based in relation to:

Contextualization – having a unique work here, to serve our area

Flexibility

Reinforces responsibility to our church family

Church planting viability

Growth in Spiritual maturity

Average Attendance: April 2023 = 224; April 2024 = 320

We are in the 5th percentile of local churches.

We have had God working here: some relationships have been mended, some addictions have been resolved; 11 baptisms.

Added information

Financially:

Jan-Mar Tithes & Offerings = \$57,160.88

Jan-Mar Expenses = \$58,339.06

Jan-Mar Net = (\$1,178.18)

Projected Yearly Tithes & Offerings = \$264,244.46

Projected Yearly Expenses = \$217,450.11

Projected Yearly Net = \$46,794.35

CBC-SV is financially healthy but can do better.

There are many young and/or new believers who take time to learn generosity.

We will be responsible, no longer depending upon the Bastrop Campus.

Current Ministry areas:

Pastor: Phillip Cole with

Elder: Kenan Foley (and others in the future)

Kids Ministry: Nicole Garner with Adam Bauman and others

Worship: Tim Garner and others

Pre-K: Kelly Betz and others

Future Ministry needs to be hired:

Staff – Administrative Assistant

Children’s Ministry Director

Worship Leader

Student Ministry Director

Groups Director (possibly combined with Community Director)

Outreach Facilitator

Some of these may be multi-purpose positions.

Groups and Outreach positions are really important in making a difference in the community.

Growth:

Easter attendance is an indicator of a future average of 600. There were people waiting in line to enter. We may need a fourth service but not on Saturday or Sunday, possibly a Monday.

Pastor Phillip showed a PowerPoint picture of another church expansion. It would be done in such a way as to not change the small church culture that SV thrives within. This is what our future campus could look like (with a beautiful auditorium alongside the original church).Also, before we build we would look at planting other churches too.

Timeline:

Next is the vote to be held within the next few weeks.

No = stay as is

Yes = form a transition team with Council approval

Pastor Phillip’s estimate for becoming autonomous if the vote is yes = October 2025



Notice that the initial vote may be positive to become autonomous, but the transition plan could be turned down.

Questions and Answers:

1. Who owns this building? A: CBC total (both campuses)
2. Will the vote be for just this campus or both campuses? A: Smithville campus only
3. How will the vote be handled? A: The Church Council will clarify
4. Is the SV Campus giving equal to the Bastrop Campus? A: No. SV is about 1/3 of Bastrop. This is an estimate as it is a manual process of comparing lists.
5. Does that include designated giving? A: No, just operating.
6. Is the database divided for SV and Bastrop? A: Mostly. It is difficult because some attend both campuses.

Wind Up:

Sharing is important. To be healthy, do it well. Have a beautiful, healthy church. Be involved, not just vote.