



FAQ

Questions you may have regarding the South Campus Development Plan.

Why now?

We believe we see God's providence in the timing of this plan.

- Master Design and the staff have invested more than a year of planning and praying about this next phase and believe that God is leading us in this direction.
- The transition of our College Ministry from Keith's leadership to Tanner's caused us to realize that the South Campus was the right place for the College service if we were to be successful at connecting the college students to the rest of our church. When Travis came on board, his desire was to try Sunday nights on the South Campus and we have done this.
- The Letter of Intent from Sharp Academy is for the appraised value.
- Sharp Academy wants to expand its school now and has the funding to do so.
- First Baptist feels led to kick off a major missions project. They have shared how our plan to give them a \$170,000 gift will be a significant source of funding for this new missions initiative.

What is Sharp Academy?

Sharp Academy is a Christian school designed for kids with learning differences such as dyslexia, ADD/ADHD and other disorders affecting a student's ability to succeed.

Sharp Academy was founded in 2009 and currently has 60 students from 2nd - 12th grade. Sharp graduated its first senior class in 2015 with 5 graduates, all of whom were accepted to college and earned over \$100,000 in scholarships.

What do we plan to build in Phase 2?

We currently plan to add the items below (we need an architect to help us confirm and to refine):

- Youth building
- Commons area and Offices
- Parking lot near the Children's Building
- More irrigated grass areas
- More storage with reusing the Annexes or adding a new metal building near the current warehouse.

Why not build a Worship Center or a Sanctuary?

We don't need a larger worship space...yet. Our current Auditorium can hold up to 700 people with seating added at the back. In order to be good stewards, we think it would be best to fill up the space we have, and then possibly add an additional service time before we build a new worship center.

This year we are averaging 270 in our early service and 400 in our late service (not counting the zone or college service). We can double in our early service and grow our late service by 50% with the space and current schedule.

We have also seen that recent designs by architects for new Worship Centers look a lot like our current Auditorium. Flat floors with moveable seats are the current trend in worship spaces so that the room can be used for other activities. In short, we have what many churches want.

What about the deed restriction on the North Campus held by First Baptist, Lubbock?

The deed restriction is in place but FBCL's Missions committee voted several years ago to allow the North Campus to be sold to an "evangelical Christian" entity. FBCL agrees that Sharp Academy is such an organization and therefore the deed restriction will be removed.

What will the Youth Building be like?

We won't know for sure until we have an architect on board to help with the specifics of the design. We expect it to include large group space for 150 students and small group space for grades 6-12. We also hope to have some hang-out space and recreation space.

What will the Commons be like?

Again, cosmetics will need the input of an architect but we expect it will have a Welcome Center, a coffee area and conversation areas. It will also have meeting rooms for use on Sunday mornings and for discipleship classes and for other meetings during the week.

The Commons will also connect all of our ministry areas. From the Commons you can go to the Children's Building, Adult classrooms, the Auditorium, the Summit and the Youth Building.

Why build offices on the South Campus instead of renting long-term?

Renting off-site office space is a consideration but it would require that we include meeting space and storage space. By building offices on site, we can use the meeting rooms in the Commons for any office meetings. We can use storage elsewhere on the campus for office needs.

Having our offices on campus also provides more security for our Weekday program that ministers to about 100 children four days a week.

On-site offices also make it easier for our church family and community to find us when they have a need.

What will offices be like?

The offices will have some individual offices and team areas for ministries. There will be work rooms with office equipment. Meeting areas will not be required since we can use the meeting rooms in the Commons for the various staff meetings we have each week. We will consider a basement as well as this might be appropriate space for video and sound recordings as well as additional office space if ever needed.

What will be added outside?

We intend to have more green grass for our church and community to use. We also plan to add a parking lot nearer the Children's Building for use by young families.

We also want to add a large sign at the corner of 98th and Indiana. We have the opportunity to "speak" to thousands of people a day as they stop at that intersection.

We also need to add storage so that we use prime space for ministry, and storage space for storage. We need this storage on-site so we can access it in an efficient manner. This storage may be accomplished by relocating our current annexes, or it may be more cost effective to add a storage building near the current warehouse.

More on finances:

We believe we are truly blessed to have the opportunity to start such a significant project with almost half of the cash in hand. This cost of this project would be slightly greater than the cost of the Children's Building (a \$5.5M project). Through God's blessing and your faithfulness, we paid off that project in less than five years. We would hope to pay this new project off in a similar time.

Why are we giving \$170,000 to First Baptist Church?

In the 1980's IABC became a mission of First Baptist. If First Baptist hadn't stepped in and supported us, we might not be here today. First Baptist sent people, teachers and workers, prayed for us, and invested \$170,000 in IABC. While we can never repay FBC for all they did for us, it does seem appropriate to bless them financially with some of the proceeds from selling the North Campus. Using the same amount they invested seems appropriate as well.

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