

Proposed East Educational Wing

Question Document as of 10/25/2023

Section I: The questions in this section were sourced during the church body meeting on Wednesday, 10/11/2023, and from individual conversations.

- Gathering Area:** Why are there no entry doors to the new gathering area?
The new wing will have doors to the gathering area. They were inadvertently left off the drawing.
- Gathering Area:** Will there be ramps to the entrances to the new gathering area since it's at a higher elevation than it is currently?
Yes, any new addition will include exterior concrete work to meet code.
- Nursery:** If the nursery is moved to the east end of the new wing, will parents (members and guests) feel that they are too far away?
This is a possibility. Additionally, if the nursery were located in the new wing, it would be physically separated from the existing cry-room. As of now, church personnel are taking a look at how we can adequately handle our current numbers in the nursery.
- Nursery:** Will we need to install toddler restrooms in the new wing if the nursery is moved there?
If the nursery were ever moved to the new wing, toddler restrooms might be required, depending on the availability/suitability of the planned children's restrooms in that wing.
- Utilities:** Should proposed offices in new wing be moved to the existing building to save on HVAC/electrical costs during the week?
If the entire new wing is under traditional HVAC controls, this will be great idea. However, with the use of either smart controls or mini-splits, individual areas could be conditioned.
- Use:** Has there been any discussion of how the new wing might be used during the week?
Some homeschool groups have approached the church in the past, but no recent or current discussions have been had.
- Size:** If youth is housed in FLC, are there any cost savings associated with reducing the size of the new wing? How do we address lack of handicap accessibility to FLC upstairs?
If three rooms were removed from the plans for the new wing, savings would include \$120,000 (~1600 sqft at \$75/sqft) in foundation and structure. Additional savings would also include incremental savings on interior walls, insulation, and finish out. The committee recommends that we keep the number of rooms in the proposed floorplan.
- Finances:** Is there an estimate for how much it would cost to renovate the existing east wing?
Please see Section II.
- Finances:** What can we build for with \$1.4M?
This option hasn't been explored.
- Finances:** If everyone tithed, finances would be a non-issue.
Agreed. For more information about our current giving, please see Section III.
- Finances:** Are the Baptist Men available? If so, how much would overall cost be reduced?
Our hope is to utilize the Baptist Men and our own church family during the building process. The costs presented in the presentation are 'turn-key', which are required in the lending process.
- Scheduling:** Have multiple Sunday school times been considered? Prior to and after the worship service? If so, intentional discipleship of new leaders would need to begin as soon as possible.
This committee has not considered multiple Sunday school times. This task lies outside the scope of the committee's purpose and may, if needed, be considered by the staff/leadership.
- Transition:** Converting pews to chairs would allow sections of the sanctuary to be used for Sunday school and require re-set for the service. This would take work each service to set and re-set, which may require additional time to complete. Using the current space for people to continue coming to LBC for Sunday school and worship may be important to remain in fellowship and see the progress of the building.
While we know that an organized transition process during construction will be required, this committee has not considered the process.

Section II: Regarding Renovation of Existing Wing

East wing remodel with new restrooms would provide net gain of approximately 6 classrooms at a cost of \$250k-\$500k depending on the amount of work the church self-performed for the remodel. We currently have 4 children's classes, 1-2 youth classes, and 6 adult classes (11-12 total classrooms needed).

Options available, given the renovation described above:

1. Moving all the children and youth to the remodeled space would not leave enough room for adult classes. The committee did not want to include the rooms on either side of sanctuary or the upstairs FLC classrooms as usable space for adult classrooms.
2. Moving 4 of 6 adult classes to remodeled space (2 could remain in existing west wing) would leave room for youth classrooms but children would still have to meet in upstairs of FLC and we would be maxed out on classroom space in remodeled east wing. It was the committee's desire to recommend a plan that does not use the upstairs FLC classrooms long term.

Either of the two options listed above barely meet current classroom space needed with very little to no room for growth, meaning we would likely have to demolish the remodeled east wing and build a new building or build a separate new building at a higher per-square-foot cost in ~ 5 years, if current growth continues. Those options felt more like a band-aid for a growing church, and those remodel funds would be better spent on a long-term solution.

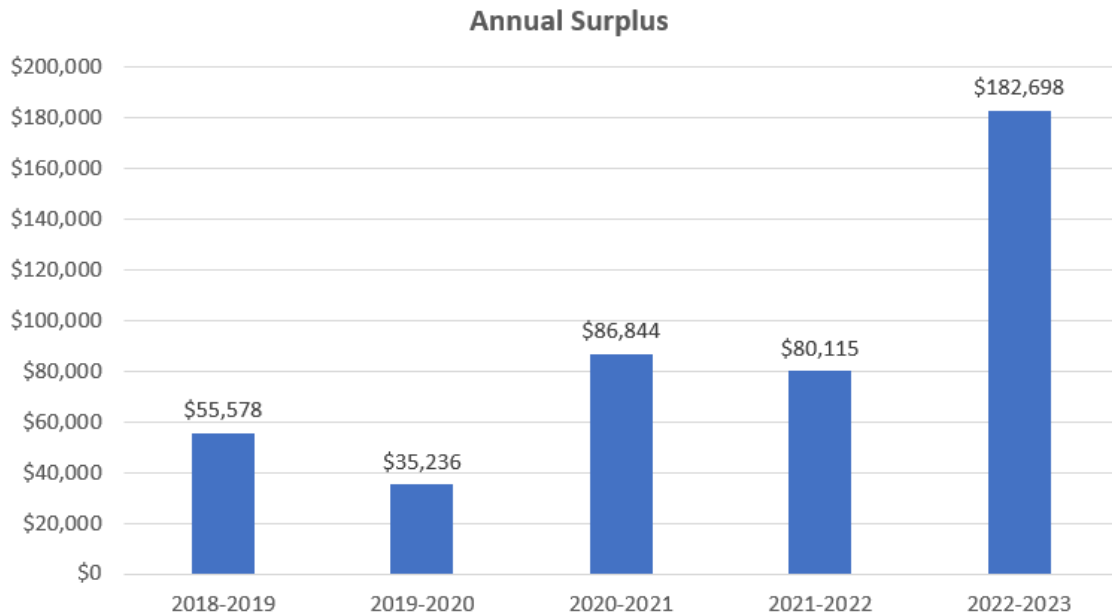
In addition to limited classroom space gained,

- the old sanctuary is a very aged building shell with drainage, mold, asbestos, termites and other issues that may or may not be fully corrected with a remodel; and
- the remodel option did not address other areas of need identified by the committee, such as office space, storage space, and a larger expansion of bathrooms.

For these reasons, the committee decided to focus solely on a new construction option that would meet current and future needs of a growing church.

Section III: Updated Financial Considerations

Based on conversations with the Finance Committee, our annual surplus amounts for the last five years are shown in the graph below. Annual surplus is the amount of contributions that exceeds our expenses.



Section IV: Timeline

10/29/2023	Make this document available to the church body, as well as have it posted on the church website.
10/29/2023	Provide an update in the form of a brief announcement at the end of the worship service.
11/12/2023	Convene a called business meeting at the end of the worship service to present the committee's recommendation to approve expenditures to retain architectural and engineering services for elevations and renderings.

Moving Forward:

As a committee, we are tasked with investigating, planning, and making a recommendation. That recommendation is then brought before our entire church body for consideration. In short, the committee makes recommendations; the church body makes decisions.

Please be in prayer about our meeting on Sunday, 11/12/2023. If you have additional questions or ideas prior to that meeting, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of the committee members:

- David Hogan
- Kirt Harle
- Debbie Harris
- Doug Jones
- Kent LeFevre
- Cyndi Moore
- Joel Terry
- Kristi Whitehurst
- Keith Whitehurst