

- Theology should always dictate philosophy, never the other way around. Proverbs 14:12; Luke 11:37-44; 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; 2 Timothy 4 warns us of this danger. You & I are first held accountable as to how scripture dictates us run our ministries. So for our ministry, my leadership and I have spent hours upon hours fasting, studying, praying, and researching scripture, theology, doctrine, and such so that we can hear where God is leading us where we'd ought to go. Our philosophy stems from biblical truth and a confident guidance from the Holy Spirit. Every single event, function, ministry opportunity, program is deeply rooted in scripture and aligns first with scripture, secondly with the church vision, thirdly with our Baptist heritage, and lastly with church history. So let scripture be THE point of discussion before opinions are brought to the table. Tradition and pragmatism should fit in the context of biblical truth. So *if* you feel as though we are unbiblical in approach, we are more than willing to hear you out. But I will ask that you spend your time, energy, and resources in biblical, historical, and pastoral guidance first...and I would ask this of any ministry.
- Movies, Meals, and Games. I do understand the concern if pastoral staff or ministry leader is using church budget for their own personal entertainment. I do understand that the church budget is first and foremost not OURS but God's so we ought to be good stewards of such. But we have never abused our budget to use for our own personal entertainment nor our own personal glorification. Again, every single expense that we have already budgeted and approved by the church at large has gone towards ministry and our core values that accomplishes our philosophy and vision. You say "CBC will become a church that focus on meals, movies, concerts, and ball games, but NOT spiritual growth to glorify God" but what do you do with the entire book of Acts? Hebrews 10? Rev. 19? Ephesians 4? Ecclesiastes 3? Leviticus 23? Let me remind you that ministry happens best in the context of relationships. The mark of the church - biblically and historically has been because of its relationships. But to define how those relationships look like and to say that they offer not spiritual growth is what Jesus condemned the religious people of their day about. There have been thousands of instances where getting a cup of coffee with a youth had more "spiritual growth" than a 2 hour sermon. And all we're asking you to support us on is the idea that if God is using this particular form of ministry (that we have carefully come to) then help us out.
- Youth Ministry: We do not expect other ministries to look like us. We do not expect other ministries to do what we do. And to say that "others will follow" is a misleading thought. Again, if God has lead the ministry head in their time of prayer, study, and fasting to do exactly what we do then that is ok...but if they are using the youth ministry and saying "well...because they do that, then we can do that" is a irresponsible, prideful, and sinful way of leading in ministry and God will hold them accountable for such. We do things a certain way in our youth ministry because God has led us to this place through hours and hours of study, mentorship, and research...but that's only us. The question for your particular ministry is "has God led us in this direction to reach and disciple his people?" Not to judge every single ministry and to figure out if it is according to your standard or philosophy.

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- As your pastor, I am begging that your heartbeat is first and foremost about the Gospel of Jesus. That none of this belongs to any of us - the church, his money, our ministries. I plead with you to realize that we are working towards a common goal together as family. Remember Titus 3 for he says that our speech ought to be that of building up the body of Christ in teaching & in rebuke. But if there is rebuke that is to be done - then 1 Timothy warns us that it be biblical in scope and gracious in nature. Lastly, as your pastor and a pastor of this church...I will ask for your humble submission to trust that God has called me to this role, equipped me to do my job, and has led me to lead this church philosophically, biblically, and pragmatically.