

Antioch Wichita Oversight Meeting

2026-07-21

Key Outcomes

Rob's church is at a critical financial inflection point, with multiple simultaneous developments around selling the house and church building emerging in the last 48 hours. 1 2 Two separate potential buyers have surfaced for the church building, and the house — stalled for months — suddenly has multiple showings and pending offers. 1 Personal and ministry rhythms are stabilizing, with strong young adult leadership development and a D.School cohort of 9 launching in September. 3 4

Decisions Made

- **Jimmy given June off** with mandatory counseling; relationship and headspace improving ahead of his return. 5
- **Cale (Rob's son) and Ben (retired Marine)** confirmed as elders-in-training starting September. 6
- **Aiden and Cale** to take over as worship leaders in the fall, freeing Rob from that role. 7
- **D.School** launches September 7 with 9 participants — strong percentage for a church of ~75. 3 4
- Family service with **pre-recorded worship videos** used throughout June; well-received by congregation. 8

Financial Situation

- **Personal debt:** ~\$76K; house sale at \$255K could eliminate \$50–60K of it. 9
- **Inheritance from father** (~\$9–10K) expected soon; sister finalizing estate books. 9
- **Mortgage increased \$300/month** due to Kansas escrow/tax adjustment. 10

- **Post-sale housing plan:** Move into Noah & Lauren's duplex for ~\$1,200/month — no deposit, significantly reduced cost. 10 11
 - **Church finances:** Sustaining; Rob occasionally paid 1–2 weeks late but always made whole. 12
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Building Opportunity (Critical — 48-Hour Window)

Two distinct potential buyers have emerged for the church building:

- **Braxton Byfield (SLAB Estates):** Commercial real estate + Kansas foster care ministry operator. Wants to buy building, convert most of it to housing for at-risk kids, lease auditorium/catacombs back to church; also willing to buy Rob's house at asking price; discussed hiring Rob and Jen at \$75K/year. 13 14 15
 - **Dave Vandergrind's ministry connection:** Christian realtors backed by local philanthropist Dave Vandergrind floated buying or sharing the space; very early stage. 16 17
 - **Building value:** County tax assessment ~\$450K; realtor suggested listing at \$500K; Rob estimates realistic sale at \$300–350K. 18 19
 - **Square footage disputed:** Listed at 16K online; Rob estimates 20–25K+. 20 21
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Advisor Guidance (Trey & Mitchell)

- **Move fast on Braxton conversation** — ideally within 48 hours; don't let house offers trigger a premature decision before the building deal is explored. 22 23
- **Get everything in writing** — don't rely on Jake as intermediary; Rob needs direct conversation with Braxton. 24
- **Wisdom warning:** When God starts breaking through, the enemy offers alternatives that scratch the itch but are worse — discern carefully. 22 23
- **Lease-back scenario** (even without the salary piece) would provide long runway to stabilize church finances without drastic moves. 23
- **Involve young adult leaders** (Cale, Ben, Aiden) in any location/building shift decisions —they know the city and the people. 25 26

Personal & Family Update

- Rob in **EMDR counseling** for severe ADHD; also working with a spiritual director (Matthew) on inner healing combining Freedom Prayer, Sozo, and Soul Shepherding. 27 28
 - **Jen** enrolled in a deliverance ministry at Noah's church; relationship with Rob described as stable. 28 29
 - **Noah** (son): relationship improving but spiritually inconsistent per his brother. 29
 - **Alyssa** (daughter): still no direct relationship with Rob; communicates only with mom and sister. 29
 - Rob experiencing renewed spiritual intimacy — "crying again in worship." 8
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Pending Confirmation

- Outcome of Braxton Byfield direct conversation (expected this week) 1 14
 - House offers — multiple showings, offer expected imminently; Brandy negotiating 1 30
 - Dave Vandergrind building interest — very early, needs direct outreach 18 31
 - Justin (brother-in-law): needs a formal conversation about contributing ~\$200–250/month when household moves 32
 - Building square footage — needs physical measurement before any sale discussions 21
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Action Items

- **Rob:** Contact Braxton Byfield directly within 48 hours; do not rely on Jake as intermediary 24
- **Rob:** Get any building/house deal terms in writing before committing 24
- **Rob:** Have financial contribution conversation with Justin when move occurs 32
- **Rob:** Keep Trey & Mitchell updated via text as deals develop 30 33

- **Rob:** Consult Cale, Ben, and Aiden if any location shift becomes real 

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Next Meeting

All three plan to meet in person at the upcoming MD Gathering (Antioch Con) the following week.  