

What a month, eh?

Yesterday I reviewed all that was said in the transcript of the board meeting regarding the problem (or *not* depending on your view) of the cross which I came to believe was a graven image. An idol that violates the 2nd commandment.

I bullied the church into obeying my wishes and beliefs from a claimed authority that I do not have. (*Actually, I do have that authority from heaven, it just isn't recognized in our current constitution and bylaws*)

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Our by-laws of incorporation as a church make no provision for biblical godly shepherds called elders, presbyters, overseers, pastor etc, all interchangeable in scripture.

I am a pastor with no teeth to shepherd or protect this flock.

I therefore resign, effective Saturday evening, after Cameron Elliot's wedding ceremony. Josh can preach if it pleases the board, or if you would like me to fill the pulpit this Sunday as a visiting lay pastor I am pleased to do that. I will also explain my resignation to the congregation if it pleases the board for me to do that. Or not.

This does not mean I wish to walk away from shepherding this flock. What it does mean is that if you want a more biblical church polity (governance) of a plurality of godly shepherds with a main principal teaching / preaching elder, you will be required to quit the current articles of incorporation and dissolve the current church.

You would then need to write a new constitution that is biblical as far as having a plurality of godly elders who rule the church in spiritual matters. That would also need to include formal church membership with a simple document that states a minimum confessional statement of salvation and agreement.

If that seems good to the "board" and you want me to return, I am willing to be your teaching / preaching shepherd among some other shepherds who are qualified according to Paul's qualifications given to both Timothy and Titus for elders.

Josh has agreed to serve. Andrew looks qualified if he desires to serve the church in such a manner. There needs to be more than one shepherd. I was waiting on God to do this, and the cross debacle has forced the question.

Respectfully loving the church,
Pastor Jim Galli