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Doug Lay
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Titus and Kari Benton
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Dawn Varvil
via electronic mail

Dear Mr. Lay, Mr. and Ms. Benton, and Ms. Varvil,

I represent Steve Wingfield and First Christian Church of Florissant.

Over the past two months, you have bombarded Senior Pastor Wingfield and the Church elders with a number of increasingly hostile and erratic documents, made scurrilous attacks about them on Facebook, and sent harassing messages to Pastor Wingfield and others, all based on a false representation about a 2012 conversation between Pastor Wingfield, Executive Pastor Scott Strandell and Ms. Varvil.

All of these attacks over the past few months rest on the accusation that Ms. Varvil told Pastors Wingfield and Strandell about allegations of sexual abuse regarding Brandon Milburn. This is simply untrue. While the Church is open to criticism, making a false representation crosses the line. This behavior must end immediately.

During this 2012 conversation, Ms. Varvil expressed her discomfort with Mr. Milburn and his relationship with a teenager involved in a youth program run by Mr. Milburn and Ms. Varvil. Her complaints centered on gifts that Mr. Milburn bought for a youth and the amount of time they spent with each other. In order to fully understand her concerns, Pastors Wingfield and Strandell specifically asked Ms. Varvil whether she suspected that Mr. Milburn was engaged in sexual abuse. Ms. Varvil denied any suspicion of sexual abuse by Mr. Milburn and stated, in effect, that Mr. Milburn "would never do that."

All of the complaints you have made about a failure to investigate allegations of sexual abuse are completely unfounded because Ms. Varvil did not make any such allegations to the Church. Had she done so, Pastors Wingfield and Strandell would have immediately contacted the authorities.

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I write to inform you that because of the escalating hostility and threatening nature of the communications over the past few months, the Church has been compelled to contact the police to request their assistance and to share with them these communications.

In addition, because of the escalating hostility of your communications, the Church and Steve Wingfield hereby revoke your permission to enter on the property of either the Church or Steve Wingfield. Any entry on the property will be considered an unlawful trespass and the Church or Steve Wingfield will contact the authorities.

I also write to demand that you cease and desist from making these false representations about Mr. Wingfield and the Church and disseminating the "Case Study," "Open Letter" and other documents you have written that include this misrepresentation, and that you immediately delete any such reference to these false representations from any Facebook account or other public forum controlled by any of you.

If you fail to comply with this demand by Monday, April 13, 2015 at 9:00 am, the Church will have no choice but to request such relief from a court.

Please confirm in writing that you have complied with this demand. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Wyrsh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James R. Wyrsh



The statement (attached) released by FCCF says "we have attempted to resolve this situation" and "our elders repeatedly responded to the accusers privately."

For clarity, I want everyone to know the following:

1. I have never spoken personally to any member of the eldership since sharing with them (privately, I might add) some concerns I had on February 27th. Five weeks later a single elder sent me an e-mail questioning our motivation, and the lead pastor left me two voicemails the day we were e-mailed the lawsuit. When I called him back there was no answer, and about an hour later I had a lawsuit in my inbox. This was nearly two months after I first contacted them privately. I immediately e-mailed him and all the elders letting them know I got the voicemail and I would be happy to discuss it via e-mail. I never heard back.
2. My wife met with some of the elders on March 28th (though the lead pastor was not present) and asked several substantive questions. They told her they would get back to her with answers to her questions in a couple weeks. She has not spoken to a single one of them since then. She never heard back.
3. After the church's restraining order was denied in court on Friday, April 17th, I e-mailed the lead pastor and the rest of the elders indicating that we were still willing to talk privately despite the pending legal action. I received no response. I never heard back.
4. Just yesterday, Friday April 24th, my wife called the executive pastor to express that before we hired a lawyer we were still willing to talk like real people and "please, call me back." Instead, the church's lawyer communicated to us that they prefer we not contact the church directly. From the church leaders, she never heard back.

If you don't count documents from lawyers, it is a stretch to say we've been responded to at all, let alone repeatedly. There was certainly no attempt to resolve the matter. Even when my

wife flew 900 miles to meet personally, the lead pastor who is now suing us did not bother to attend.

There's obviously much more detail about all this that could be shared, and it will be in time. If you have questions regarding what has and hasn't happened with the Bentons, just direct message me. Just ask.

You will hear back.

Titus Benton

Around 11 pm April 23, 2015