

**ESSENTIAL HISTORIC DETAILS: This is just a partial history and just a portion of the historical documents that verify how Meaghan and Tim Varela's assault of BGBC and our families began. The church fired their good friend. They began their attempt to destroy BGBC one email, phone call, and visit at a time. I sent an email calling them to cease and desist this behavior. Meaghan Varela used the police and the DHS as her personal weapon of malice in an attempt to destroy the church, destroy my family, and to send me to prison. There is much more to the story and more historical documentation to verify it.**

**\*THE FOLLOWING EMAIL IS FROM TAMI PARKS. SHE WROTE THIS EMAIL AFTER THE DIVISIVE STAFF MEMBER WAS FIRED AND THE VARELA'S BEGAN THEIR ASSAULT. SHE WANTED TO MAKE ME AWARE OF THE LONG TERM INSIDIOUS NATURE OF THE GOSSIP THAT THE FORMER STAFF MEMBER AND HIS WIFE WERE INVOLVED IN. THIS KIND OF GOSSIP FROM A MAN ON STAFF IS POISON IN A CHURCH.**

From: "tami parks" <[REDACTED]>  
 Sent: Sunday, January 4, 2009 10:32pm  
 To: "Pastor Chuck O'Neal" <[REDACTED]>  
 Subject: Things M. [REDACTED] (FIRED MAN'S WIFE) told me

Chuck,

These comments by [REDACTED] (FIRED MAN'S WIFE) are not necessarily in order. I just wrote them down as I remembered them. I have tried to use her language as much as possible.

\*He gets to the Men's Retreat early and takes the best room.

\*He takes the best cabin at Family Camp - the one with a bathroom - instead of letting the older women have it who have to get up in the night and walk to the bathroom.

\*[REDACTED] (FIRED MAN) came back from lunch and barely touched Chuck's office door to let him know he was back. Chuck was lying prostrate on the floor praying. It seemed obvious that his door was left slightly ajar so that [REDACTED] (FIRED MAN) could 'catch' him praying like that.

\*[REDACTED] (FIRED MAN) noticed Chuck hadn't been reading his Bible because it had been missing and he even asked Chuck if he'd lost it.

\*Chuck has not once received correction from [REDACTED] (FIRED MAN).

\*Chuck will never call it "sin" when his family sins. For instance he said Tonya is a "high-spirited filly." [I can't remember what her 'sin' was, maybe she had not submitted or something.] He wouldn't let Danna call [REDACTED] (FIRED MAN'S DAUGHTER) after their conversation, which proves they are unforgiving, bitter people.

\*Chuck always has to be the center of attention at gatherings. He makes sure of it, just watch him next time.

\*The elders are just "yes-men."

\*Nobody will confront Chuck because they say they're afraid to, but they feel comfortable coming to [REDACTED] (FIRED MAN) and many have.

\*The elders and Chuck show partiality by ignoring people

\*Someone keeps a record of what Chuck preaches because he only has about 5 topics/doctrines He preaches on and they're keeping track. [It sounded like they've done this for a long time, but I'm not sure. For whatever reason, I had the impression that she implied it was Laura Castien, but I don't think [REDACTED] (FIRED MAN'S WIFE) actually said who.]

\*[REDACTED] (FIRED MAN'S WIFE) often made comparisons between Chuck and other preachers. She wished our worship could be like.... or that Chuck would preach like....

\*[REDACTED] (FIRED MAN'S WIFE) often commented that there are lots of unsaved people in our church. She sometimes named names [I don't remember clearly enough now to list any] and included most of the youth. Often her reasons were lack of conversation about Christ, lack of zeal for the word, don't have joy, etc...

\*She has always gone back and forth between being critical of Chuck's preaching/doctrine and loving it and knowing it's biblical, but just hard to swallow.

\*She would make judgement calls about new people. For example, she called Ken and Laura 'Kindred spirits' after talking to them the first time; she was judgemental of how shy/standoffish (and therefore self-loving) Gwen [REDACTED] is.

I know there are many, many more. If I think of them, I'll start a new list.

May God be with you and give great wisdom and favor!

Love in Christ,

Tami

## **\*JAN. 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 –EMAIL RESPONSE TO TAMI PARKS**

Dear Tami,

You have been a blessing to me and the whole body of Christ with your support and honesty. I will simply plug these statements and the other emails into the chronological file. It is my hope and prayer that none of this will ever need to see the light of day.

I could spend time refuting each of these, but I'm not going to spend much more time refuting the Miller's (FIRED MAN & HIS WIFE'S) incessant and creative slander. I don't believe you want a refutation of any or all of this... however, I sleep on the floor at the men's retreat in a very loud and public area where most of the more youthful folk stay up until 1 or 2 AM talking and gaming. Why do I sleep where I sleep? Because I want to leave the private bedrooms and beds for those who need more rest and privacy, and because I want to be among God's people and the youth for fellowship and to head off potential late night foolishness. I have NEVER taken a bedroom, a bed, or even a couch in the living room. If I did (but I never have and don't plan to) take a bedroom, a bed, or a nice couch in a quieter area, someone might pause to think that the pastor is bringing four intense messages in a day and a half (not to mention Sunday worship that follows) and needs rest and privacy for prayer and study.

With the slander regarding my pride being evidenced by private prostrate prayer in my office (with the door closed, but not latched) while no one was in the building, it is clear to me now that if [REDACTED] (FIRED MAN) had accurately reported to [REDACTED] (HIS WIFE) that I slept on the floor, it would be reported that I was proudly refusing to take a bedroom, a bed, or even a couch so that I could show how incredibly humble and spiritual I was. There is no pleasing people who have hatred in their hearts. I praise the Lord for the LOVE in your heart. You bless us richly.

Regarding the campout cabin, it was Don Nodurft's call to put my family in that cabin without my input. However, I am very thankful for it. My family was the largest family at the campout until the Smith's came. I also work day and night at the campout. It is a joyful but physically taxing marathon of prayer, study, preaching, counseling, fellowshiping, and yes a little volleyball.

Have a blessed day! Pray! Pray! Pray!

Love In Christ,

Chuck

**\*NOV. 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -THE DIVISIVE STAFF MEMBER WAS FIRED AND THIS DISMISSAL EMAIL/LETTER WAS DELIVERED (HARD COPY HAND DELIVERED ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup>)**

BGBC, Elder Board  
980 NW 180<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Beaverton, OR 97006

Dear [REDACTED],

Your convictions regarding the deficiency of the preaching at BGBC are not congruous with your position of employment with BGBC. You were hired to "Assist the pastor in enhancing BGBC's radio evangelism through excellent sermon editing, stimulating and theologically sound opening & closing thoughts, ministry announcements, CD offers, exhortations, interviews with the pastor, etc." You were hired to "Assist the pastor in enhancing BGBC's Gospel ministry through coordinating evangelism ... Your ongoing criticisms of the preaching at BGBC center around charges of an overemphasis on evangelism and insufficient emphasis on Christ. This is an alarming criticism from BGBC's staff evangelist who was hired to "assist the pastor" in evangelism.

This has been your criticism for some time, and you have been unable to recant it, even after much patient admonition from the pastor. The elders of BGBC have attempted to aid you in coming to a clear conviction that Christ is indeed preached at BGBC. They have encouraged, instructed, admonished, and corrected to no avail, your criticism stands.

The elders of BGBC tried to set up a second meeting with you in order to outline a course for successful future ministry. You were resistant to that meeting, saying that you did not want to be drug before the elders again, and stating that you want the deacons present. The pastor clarified that this was an elder issue and that the elders would not be involving the deacons.

You have now sought audience with two deacons in order to exhort them to stand with you in your criticism of there being an overemphasis on evangelism to the detriment of preaching Christ. This is a clear attempt to gain allies within the leadership of BGBC who will stand with you against the elders and pastor that you were hired to assist in evangelism. Furthermore, you have sought allies amongst the lay membership of the church to the same subversive end. Your words and actions exhibit gross disloyalty and hyper-criticism of the ministry that you were hired to assist. **Your position as Evangelism Coordinator is terminated immediately. Your salary and benefits will continue through Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.**

... We called you to serve in a vital area of ministry. You were not satisfied to serve there. You have taken too much upon yourself for too long in your criticisms. You have taken entirely too much upon yourself in seeking to gather others to your assault on the ministry of the Word at BGBC. Out of love for you, your family, and the Body of Christ, we counsel you to repent, cease your complaints, cease your attempts to gather others from the congregation against their elders, and all other Korah like behavior.

Sincerely,

Chuck O'Neal, Pastor

Dave Loynes, Elder

Dale Weaver, Elder

**\*NOV. 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -MEAGHAN VARELA'S EMAIL TURNS SOUR. I HAVE SIX MONTHS OF SWEET SUPPORTIVE EMAILS FROM MEAGHAN THAT PROCEED THE FIRING OF HER AND TIM'S GOOD FRIEND. THE LINE IN THE SAND FROM LOVE TO HATE IS THE FIRING OF THEIR FRIEND.**

Hi Chuck,

**Enough of the nice cities.....**

**I am angry** that I have to leave this family who I have grown to love deeply. I am angry that you will not take any correction. **I am angry** that Tim is apparently being born again and SATAN is stealing the joy out of it. You are no longer my pastor, ...It is NOT the [REDACTED] (FIRED MAN & HIS WIFE) who have caused this-you and the elders are not being kind nor loving-too many people are being hurt...humble yourselves in the sight of our Savior...PLEASE.

**\*NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -TIM VARELA APOLOGIZES FOR MEAGHAN'S EMAIL**

Dear Chuck-

I am writing to ask for forgiveness for my wife. She should not have wrote that email, she was out of line. I addressed this with her and I felt it didn't honor Christ or you with that email. Again I do apologize. Meaghan recieved my rebuke gracefully. **She can be a fireiry woman at times**

...I hope you accept my apology for Meaghan's email. She loves you and your family very much. I feel she is feeling really hurt by all of this and lashed out in frustration. However we need to bring honor to the Lord in all we do, write, say and show our love for fellow believers.

In conclusion, as I said I have great peace in leaving to serve the Lord else where. **This should be our last email on these subjects.** Let's serve Christ and bring honor to His name by our love for each other.

Strength and Honor in Serving The King,

Tim-

**\*NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 - CHUCK'S EMAIL TO TIM**

Dear Tim,

We (Tonya & I) rejoice in what God is doing in your life and your family. There NEVER was any problem with you or Meaghan, and there ISN'T now. We also hope for happier times in which the Varela's and O'Neal's can rejoice in the Lord together.

Simply put, BGBC can't have a man on staff convicted that I "DON'T preach Christ crucified." BGBC can't have a man on staff convicted that I "DON'T preach the Gospel." BGBC can't have a man on staff convicted that I "DON'T preach the whole counsel of God." These are [REDACTED] (FIRED MAN'S) plainly stated convictions; therefore he can't be on staff. It is basic, but painful math.

May every heart be brought beneath the Lordship of Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the light of the Word, in the light of day.

Much Love,

Chuck

**\*NOV. 12<sup>TH</sup> TIM'S BRIEF RESPONSE**

**I understand and this chapter is closed.** Let's look forward to the future.

Take care,

Tim-

**\*BUT THE "CHAPTER" WASN'T CLOSED AT ALL. DREW, JANELLE, JEFF, PRESLEIGH, EMILY S., LYNNE S., DOREEN, MONICA AND OTHERS WERE CONTACTED BY MEAGHAN VARELA IN EARLY TO MID NOV.**

Slanderous remarks about the church, pastor, and elders were shared, and they were invited to join the Varela's at GTBC (another local church).

**\*TIM & MEAGHAN CONTACTED TAMI PARKS REPEATEDLY BEFORE THANKSGIVING 2008**

Tim said that he believed the Lord was leading him to warn her husband about BGBC, and that he wanted to meet with her husband and Tami to talk. When Tami ultimately declined, Tim responded by telling Tami that he was going to talk with her husband whether she wanted him to or not in order to warn him about BGBC. The entire email string is available. For space it is not included.

**\*MEAGHAN CONTACTED LORI NODURFT IN AN ATTEMPT TO MEET WITH HER TO SOW DISCORD**

Lori knew Meaghan's intentions and did not desire to have any part of that. She told Meaghan that it was a busy time and that she wasn't able to meet with her right now. Meaghan found out that Lori later met with a few ladies that she meets with on a weekly basis for coffee. This became proof positive that Lori had "bold faced lied" to her. Tim and Meaghan immediately began to inform people of Lori's so-called lie.

**\*NOV. 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2008 -THE ELDERS OF BGBC (DALE WEAVER, DAVE LOYNES, CHUCK O'NEAL) SENT AN EMAIL WARNING THE CHURCH OF THE ATTEMPTS TO SOW DISCORD AND PULL PEOPLE OUT OF THE CHURCH THAT WERE TAKING PLACE**

Dear BGBC Saints,

These last few weeks have been an unprecedented time of trial in my nine years as pastor of Beaverton Grace Bible Church. Judgment upon judgment has been heaped up against my preaching, my character, my family, and the elders. We and our families are greatly burdened with this trial.

It has come to the attention of the elders that many of our church family are being contacted in one way or another by the (FIRED MAN'S FAMILY) or those that have been affected by their many judgments. These contacts have been for the purpose of inviting BGBC members to join them at the church that they are now attending, or to invite BGBC members to attend a Bible study (via video) in the (FIRED MAN'S FAMILY) home.

Actively inviting people to leave the church is sad and destructive behavior. Inviting BGBC members to a Bible study or fellowship in the (FIRED MAN'S FAMILY) home is arrogant and dangerous behavior from a former staff member who was recently fired for attempting to subvert BGBC through spreading false accusations (i.e., Christ is not preached rightly and the pastor is proud) and then asking men to join him in his stand.

(FIRED MAN) was necessarily and justly fired for his hypercritical and subversive conduct. Just over a week ago, in a final conversation with the elders, (FIRED MAN) dogmatically clarified his spurious charges:

"You don't preach the Gospel. You don't preach Christ crucified. You don't preach the full counsel of God. You are proud. I should have quit a long time ago, but I let the job keep me."

In the days following (FIRED MAN'S) dismissal there have been many confirmations of the (FIRED MAN'S FAMILY) long term ongoing criticisms being shared with those in close proximity to them. The (FIRED MAN'S FAMILY) are continuing to make many unsubstantiated accusations against my preaching, my family and the elders. For these obvious reasons we must exhort you to heed the following Scriptures:

Rom 16:17-18

NOW I URGE YOU, BRETHREN, NOTE THOSE WHO CAUSE DIVISIONS AND OFFENSES, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and AVOID THEM. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

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Prov 6:16-19

16 These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

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A perverse man SOWS STRIFE, And A WHISPERER SEPARATES THE BEST OF FRIENDS.

Prov 26:20

Where there is NO WOOD, THE FIRE GOES OUT; And where there is NO TALEBEARER, STRIFE CEASES.

It is our prayer that there will be no more wood thrown upon the fire of contentiousness, strife, discord, and division. It is our prayer that the fire will go out and that the body of Christ at BGBC will be able to press on "in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Phil. 1:27). It is our prayer that those who started the fire and have cut, stacked, and stoked much wood upon it, will repent, for God's glory and their blessing.

(FIRED MAN'S) sin of "sowing seeds of discord among the brethren" is not sin against me, my family, and the elders alone, but against the entire church body and the Lord of the church, Jesus Christ. Until there is clear repentance, we exhort you to carefully read and heed the before mentioned Scriptures.

Beware of the bold sowing of seeds of discord, as well as the more subtle sowing of seeds of discord. Both the bold and subtle seeds are deadly. The subtle variety takes a little more time to come to fruition, but the fruit is larger, more abundant, and effects greater long term damage upon the body of Christ.

If you have any questions, please contact the pastor and elders. We recognize that this is a difficult time for all. May we be evermore convinced of mankind's sinfulness and of our need for God's amazing grace through faith in His beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. God STILL has the whole world and His Church in His very capable hands. We are STILL God's Church, God's Way.

With Love & Sorrow,

Chuck O'Neal, Pastor

Dave Loynes, Elder

Dale Weaver, Elder

**\*NOV. 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -MEAGHAN VARELA'S LAST EMAIL TO CHUCK O'NEAL, THE DAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING, EXACTLY A MONTH BEFORE SHE ATTACKED THE O'NEAL FAMILY WITH HER VICIOUS CRIMINAL REPORT TO THE DHS**

Dear brother

you have to stop this-submit unto God.

we only love because He first loved us

what is love-this isn't love-it is hurting too much-too many of us

He will wipe away every tear...many tears are being shed

GOD CHRIST HOLY SPIRIT

let our flesh be humbled before OUR MIGHTY GOD-we are but dust

please just stop this-make it stop!

love your big sister

I was told by my parents that they loved me... [SENSITIVE PORTION DELETED BY PASTOR CHUCK TO PROTECT OTHERS], they didn't know God's love, you say you know God's love-and **yet we are being spiritually raped....oh BUT GOD!**

Our names are written on Christ's hands..we must forgive, even as God in Christ forgave us. oh HOLY SPIRIT COME!

**i love you, Chuck, Tonya, Ch [REDACTED], Jor [REDACTED], Jos [REDACTED] and K [REDACTED] O'Neal**

**\*NOV. 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -FROM TIM VARELA TO CHUCK O'NEAL, THE DAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING. TIM IS UPSET THAT WE WARNED THE CHURCH ABOUT HE AND HIS WIFE'S DIVISIVE BEHAVIOR. THE ISSUES ARE ALL AROUND THE FIRING OF THEIR FRIEND AND THEIR DIVISIVE BEHAVIOR. THERE IS NO MENTION OF ANYTHING REMOTELY RELATED TO ABUSE, BECAUSE THEY HAD NO CONCERNS ABOUT ABUSE. THE LIES ABOUT ABUSE WERE FABRICATED LATER, AFTER THEY WERE REBUKED FOR THEIR GIFT, GOSSIP, AND INVITATION TO LEAVE THE CHURCH VISITS.**

Chuck-

I am really disappointed with your performance thus far with this rift. As the leader you need to be the one who encourages people to honor Christ. Drop the name calling, finger pointing and shunning that is going on. Where in all of this is Christ being held up???? As the manager of your church body you need to be the one who is without blame. People look up to you as they would look to me for direction and setting the tone for the fixing problems. This is a fundamental management responsibility.

I encourage you to look to yourself; are you without blame? Have you encouraged discord? You can not control what people say about you and your preaching. As I told you when we met, "your preaching didn't have its effect on me as it may have on others." It doesn't mean you are wrong, it simply means I needed to go elsewhere. Which I did, it was not a reflection upon you. It nothing to do with you or (FIRED MAN'S NAME OMITTED). It was Christ working in my life.

It is really sad to see what has happened to that church. YOU must take some responsibility for it. You are the leader. It ALWAYS starts at the top by the decisions you make, people you surround yourself with and where you seek council. Have you really surrounded yourself with people who will come along side you and correct error? Will they be honest with you? Will they correct if you are wrong? I know there are people who attend there that are afraid of you. As a manager, this is not a good sign.

Looking at what is going on there, you NEED to look in the mirror and ask some hard questions! This church is being sifted in front of your eyes. Testimonies of professing Christians are being compromised. Meaghan was deeply hurt by a deacon's wife lying to her. As you would say, "If you lie, what are you? You are a liar!" She needs to confess her sin and seek forgiveness not harden her heart. It became evident that we would be shunned and she should have just said that and not lied. I was saddened by this testimony, it causes me concerns as it should you. Be honest, honor Christ.

In my talks with Drew, it is my position that he needs to attend church where he is fed. If it there with you, praise be to God. If it is some place, then praise be to God. He needs to grow in the Lord and his faith. As believers we should love the Lord more than where we attend church. Drew feels he is being fed there, it is not my position to tell him he is not. I personally learned a tremendous amount about the Bible and the Lord there. I thank the Lord for the time I was there. But it was time for me to move on. There should not be hard feelings about this.

If (FIRED MAN) is such a problem, don't speak to your church body. It will only cause discord and hard feelings. Pray for him. (FIRED MAN) is not above making mistakes and sinning. In the business world, you could be sued for your handling of firing him. That was unprofessional and not very loving of him nor did it bring glory to Christ. You would have been better to encourage those he spoke to pray for him, not do a character assignation. You hired him, don't you think people look at your decision and question your judgment and discernment? As I told you, it always starts at the top. You are the top and it was your mistake.

I chose to write you from this point of view to point out as a manager people take leads from us. It always begins at the top and needs to be addressed at the top. Look into the mirror and what can you learn from this? What is the Lord teaching you? There is a saying out here; 'be humble or stumble'. In your world, it is more difficult. You have to above all things bring honor to Christ. Are you truly doing this?

People will come and people will go from your church. Above everything, be humble, honor Christ and serve out of love for Christ. It takes a bigger man to stop this dishonoring of Christ, His Church and your testimony of your faith. Leave the (FIRE MAN'S FAMILY) alone and pray for them. As Romans 12 teaches us, we are many members but one body.

...In my opinioin there are no sides on this dishonoring of Christ that are sinless. If you feel you are sinless in this, you are not being honest with your self. You are wrong, wrong, wrong. Don't twist the scriptures to fit your application. Seek reconciliation for the sake of the Lord and to bring honor to Christ. Of course you are not all wrong in this, but you are the leader, lead as Christ would have you to, be humble in dealing with.

I hope you take this email in the context it is meant. I care for Christ, for you and feel this matter is not being handled in a godly

fashion. I know your position and I know [REDACTED] (FIRED MAN'S). End the rift, don't take it personal, and learn from this so it doesn't happen again.

My some day we meet together and serve Christ as one body,  
Tim-

## **\*NOV. 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -CHUCK'S RESPONSE TO TIM AND MEAGHAN VARELA**

Dear Tim & Meaghan,

You say, "you have to stop this-submit unto God." What you really mean is "how dare you defend the church from the incessant sowing of seeds of discord, how dare you defend the elders from slander, how dare you defend your family from slander, how dare you defend your character when you are being publicly and privately assassinated." What you really mean is "submit unto the Miller's, the Smith's, and your accusations." Those who are sowing seeds of discord need to stop and submit unto God. You are hurting because you and they are in sin.

Prov 16:28

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Prov 26:20

Where there is NO WOOD, THE FIRE GOES OUT; And where there is NO TALEBEARER, STRIFE CEASES.

Prov 26:22

THE WORDS OF A TALEBEARER ARE LIKE TASTY TRIFLES, And THEY GO DOWN INTO THE INMOST BODY.  
(LIKE POISON)

We are dealing with unfounded, harsh judgments that do not bear up in the light of day. The following Scriptures are written to warn the church not to get caught up in the very kind of subversive uprising that now has a firm grip on several families and individuals.

Rom 16:17-18

NOW I URGE YOU, BRETHREN, NOTE THOSE WHO CAUSE DIVISIONS AND OFFENSES, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and AVOID THEM. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

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In recent weeks, hardly a day has passed in which news of fresh contacts being made with the saints at BGBC has not come. These contacts are made in order to sow seeds of divisiveness. This is a bold attack on the local church. When there are continual attempts to fill hearts and minds with poison, we are forced to bring the antidote of TRUTH.

If you wish to believe the worst, the elders and I can't stop you. If you and others insist on sharing the worst amongst the Lord's fold, the elders and I (as under-shepherds) will endeavor to protect the sheep with grace and truth. The more seeds of discord you, the Miller's, the Smith's and others sow, the more Biblical weed killer we will have to spray on the Lord's field of harvest. We cannot stand by and let anymore of these tares grow into mature sheep devouring plants.

It is our desire to press on preaching Christ crucified, the Gospel, and the full counsel of God in the local church, publicly, and house to house for the sanctification of the saints and the salvation of sinners. The constant undermining of the local church through assaults on the preaching, practice, and character of the elders make that difficult. We will of necessity, continue to deal with the assaults until they stop. **Describing our actions as "spiritual rape" is the height of absurdity.** I pray that you will come to see it so.



Please read the attached articles and sermon excerpts carefully and prayerfully. The [REDACTED]'s found these articles and emailed them to me for encouragement and edification. They reveal that this subversive, seed of discord sowing behavior has certain patterns that match our current circumstances exactly.

For Christ, His Church, & You,

Chuck

**\*NOV. 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -FROM DALE WEAVER (ELDER AT BGBC), JUST BEFORE THANKSGIVING DALE WROTE THIS TO TIM AND MEAGHAN VARELA TO TRY TO REASON WITH THEM AND REMIND THEM OF OUR LOVE TO THEM AND THEIRS TOWARD US.**

Dear Tim and Meaghan,

As I am thinking about Thanksgiving tomorrow I am thinking of the many blessings I have this year. God has been good to me as he always has been. The one thing I am having trouble being thankful for is that two friends that have been dear to me for a long time have made themselves enemies of the church and our pastor. I don't understand it. I understand that you have said some very surprising things about Pastor Chuck. I know I am getting old and my memory may not be great but I remember each of you praising the ministry of Christ through Pastor Chuck. I would have to say that you both have given more testimonies of Christ using Pastor Chuck than almost anyone I can think of. For just sheer volume of praise I can't think of anyone else giving more praise than the two of you. I remember even when you left angry the last time, you did not set out to attack the church and Pastor Chuck like you are now. In fact even while you were gone you still communicated. God eventually used Pastor Chuck to call you out of Catholicism first and then Charismatic doctrine. This is your testimony not mine. As I recall, even with my bad memory, the testimony was that Pastor was patient with you as you often fought off the truth. My memory also reminds me of the testimonies of Tim as God used his cancer to bring him closer to Christ. This could not be true if you were not in Christ to begin with. I can also remember the blessing you have been to Pastor Chuck. I know you often blessed him in many ways. I will confess my memory is bad when it comes to the many details of each and everytime you lifted Pastor Chuck high as a blessing from the Lord. I am reminded of Hebrews 13:7 "Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct." I think the writer of Hebrews says "remember" because we so easily forget. Our memories are so poor that we quickly forget the one who ruled over us, who has been faithful to speak the Word (even at the expense of his own personal time), whose faith is evident to all (even you), and we forget to consider the outcome of his conduct (his home is in order, he is faithful to his ministry toward the church and he loves the lost with the Gospel). Have you forgotten? The writer says remember.

Finally I will leave you with the rest of what Hebrews says in chapter 13 verse 17. "Obey those who rule over you and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give an account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief for that would be unprofitable for you." This will be unprofitable for you not Pastor Chuck or myself or Dave. I hope that someday this will be in our past like the last time you left angry. We were able to rejoice together when you returned. I fear because of the gossip and anger being spread that it will be more difficult.

I am thankful for so many things this Thanksgiving. I would like Tim and Meaghan to be part of those I am thankful for.

I am just asking you to remember.

I love you both.

Dale

**\*TIM VARELA'S RESPONSE TO DALE WEAVER (NOTE THE BOLD SECTIONS WHERE HE SUGGESTS THAT DALE'S GOD IS CHUCK)**

Dale-

You miss the point, it is about Christ and only Christ. It is not about your pastor or your church. It is Christ alone!

Interesting choice of words; 'enemies of the church and your pastor'. I am now at peace with the Lord. **Who is your god? Your email brings this into question: who your god is? It wasn't about Christ. The praise was for Chuck, not Christ. I don't know your heart.**

Let's end these needless discussions. Unless you want to bring glory, praise and honor Christ we really don't have anything else to discuss.

I think it is for the best that there are no further communications between my family members and the leadership at Grace Brethren. I think it is best to go our own ways for now.

I don't think it brings glory to Christ and I take exceptions to that. I don't want to participate in this any longer. You are a nice person, let me remember you that way. Let's get beyond these character attacks. Chuck is a big boy and understands psychology. I've offered an olive branch, apologized to him and moved on, so should you.

**Consider this matter closed, no further communications between your church leadership and my family. I will not have further discussions about the leadership there and ANYONE. So this should stop.**

Tim-

**\*DEC. 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -BUT TIM DIDN'T STOP. THE FOLLOWING EMAIL IS FROM TIM VARELA TO KURT BANEY (A LONG TIME MEMBER OF BGBC), A WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS. TIM'S WORDS TO KURT ARE CAREFULLY CRAFTED AND DESIGNED TO FOSTER DIVISION AND STRIFE.**

Kurt,

I wanted to touch base with you. **Since leaving Grace Brethren I have been saved.** I do have a passion for the Lord and His work. I pray daily, read the Bible and listen to sermons by different pastors to grow in the Lord.

You and [REDACTED] have been on my mind the last several days. I have always admired your passion for the Lord and evangelism. **I didn't understand why you weren't a deacon because of your service to Christ and love for Him. It was my understanding it was due to you being divorced. I was listening to a sermon regarding divorce and it doesn't align with Chuck's.** It aligns more with John MacArthur. Simply put, if you use that standard for one of the qualifications to be an elder, you should use that standard for all of them.

I encourage you to go to the website where I attend and listen to the sermon. The site is [www.gtbc.org](http://www.gtbc.org). Audio recordings, February 2008, 2-17-08 and the sermon is called 'Elder Qualifications'. It was a blessing to me as were other sermons I've listened to. Also listen to the sermon on 11-22-08. This is the teaching I am sitting under. I am so blessed to be there.

**I encourage you to prayerfully and carefully consider the teaching your sitting under.** Christ is merciful and loves His called. I didn't understand that when I sat under the leadership at GB.

I would hope I could sit down with you and talk about Christ and His work in my life. I am a new man in Christ. Had I not left I would have sat there year after year like I did feeling I will never measure up. I know you are a more mature Christian than I am. **I pray you will consider meeting with me.**

If you chose not to, just reply back and I will let it go. But I ask you to listen to other sermons that I could give you from John MacArthur to exposit what I am talking about. It is not about me, it only about Christ and glorifying Him.

**I know Chuck and the others in the leadership there will be hot as a hornet but I don't care, I don't answer to them, I answer to Christ and I would prefer to have Him be pleased with me.**

Please prayerfully and carefully consider what I am saying,

-Tim

**\*DEC 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -THIS WAS KURT BANEY'S RESPONSE**

Tim,

It is good to hear from you. I thought you were saved when you attended Beaverton Grace Bible Church. I also pray and read the Bible daily, and listen to sermons by different pastors and church elders. In a couple weeks I will have again read the whole Bible in one year's time. I have memorized over 150 verses of Scripture. I am not boasting. I am grateful that the Lord restored my short term memory after suffering Global Transient Amnesia on August 22, 2006. I know that Scripture is able to make me

wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3:15).

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I believe that being the husband of one wife is a much higher standard than never being pugnacious or a drunkard. I believe this disqualifies me from being an elder or deacon.

I feel that I can evangelize the gospel and serve my Lord and Savior without becoming a deacon or elder. I have peace in the knowledge that I am saved. I don't aspire to the office of elder or deacon.

-Kurt

## \*DEC 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -CHUCK'S EMAIL TO MIKE HANEFEE, PASTOR OF GTBC

Dear Pastor Mike,

Merry Christ-mas brother! I regret writing you about this now, but the situation needs attention asap. **During our phone conversation you mentioned that you would put a stop to any attempts to convince members of Beaverton Grace Bible Church to leave our fellowship and join Grace and Truth. I had hoped that such behavior had ceased or would soon do so. Sadly, it has not stopped, but rather seems to be emboldened.**

Below you will find an email from Tim Varela that was sent to a long term member this last week.

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- > been saved. I do have a passion for the Lord and His work. I pray
- > daily, read the Bible and listen to sermons by different pastors to
- > grow in the Lord.
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Kurt

The eldership of BGBC hold to a near identical position on the "husband of one wife" issue as John Piper and Carl Laney (Western Sem. Prof.). Kurt is a dear brother in Christ, a Spirit filled Gospel servant, and a willing hand for any task that might come up. He and I have talked on several occasions of his standing in Christ and his qualifications for leadership. On a personal level I would call Kurt to serve in the office of deacon in a minute. Out of Biblical conviction, I cannot. Kurt holds the same conviction.

**Tim's email is not an isolated attempt at sowing seeds of discord, but rather one attempt among many. He and Meaghan have repeatedly emailed, called, and spoken directly to BGBC attenders regarding the deficiencies of the teaching, preaching, and general leadership of BGBC. They have not ceased to sow seeds of discord amongst the flock of BGBC.**

**The Varela's are very near to my heart, my wife's heart, and those of the elders of BGBC. It pains us DEEPLY to see them so set against Christ's work and servants at BGBC. They now believe it is their Christian duty to rescue the men and women of BGBC from the heretical tyrants at the helm. Ouch, ouch, ouch.**

Please pray about this situation and give me a call (503) [REDACTED] if you have any questions. I hate to lay this in your lap during the glorious celebration of our Lord's birth, but we both know that our Lord is sovereign in His timing.

For Christ & His Church,

Chuck

### **\*DEC. 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2008 -MIKE HANAFEE'S RESPONSE TO CHUCK**

Hello Chuck,

I spoke with Tim this evening and encouraged him per not giving the impression he is issuing invitations for BGBC people to come to GTBC.

As you know, I am not in the business of recruiting, only evangelizing the lost and likewise ministering the Gospel to those God

sends our way according to His Sovereign means.

Of course, I do not have the authority (he is not a GTBC member), nor would it be my will to tell anyone they cannot talk to others.

As an aside, did you speak to Tim about your concerns?

Had to dig my van out an hour ago!

Merry Christ-mas,

Mike

### **\*DEC. 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2008 -TIM VARELA WROTE BACK TO KURT BANEY**

Kurt,

Thank you for your reply. I am glad you listened to the sermon. I am some what surprised you feel disqualified. I feel that the same standard should apply across all of the qualifications. But we will know in the end. I thought Mike's position was more in line with John MacArthur's, (SP?). I don't have an desire to be a deacon or elder. Just serve the Lord where I am.

I am happy to hear you've memorized so many versus. I didn't take in that you were bragging. If anything, I found it encouraging and convicting. Should you decide to, do tell me how much time you spend daily memorizing versus? I hope some day to memorize scripture as you do. It would be a good thing.

Serve the Lord where you are and bring glory to Him. I do thank the Lord for what He's done in my life. I thought also that I was saved. I look back at my time at Grace Brethren and don't see the fruit I feel would really give me comfort in salvation. My walk was anemic at best. I didn't love the fellowship and really didn't want to spend time with them. I would arrive just before church and leave shortly after. I didn't understand how people could spend time after church and talk about the Lord. Such a wretch I was.

I didn't spend time in prayer as I should have as some one who was saved. I would do my usual laundry list and more on with my day. I didn't weep for the lost and feel grieved for them. I still feel I need to spend more time praying for the lost.

I really enjoy listening to other sermons by different pastors. I am trying to listen to all of this year's sermons from where I go now. I have been blessed with those sermons so far. I have come to appreciate Paul Washer, Steve Lawson, Mark Devers and Johnny Mac. I feel there are different pastors whose styles are more effective to each of us personally. This is the reason I left. I just had trouble with Chuck's style and staying focused to his preaching. I know there are people who really are blessed by his style. I can appreciate that and feel they should stay there. Should they have problems they need address them with Chuck or find a place where they are fed.

I need to go. Lord bless you and [REDACTED].

-Tim

### **\*DEC. 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 –MEAGHAN VARELA VISITED MATT AND DAWN'S HOME**

She brought gifts and gossip about Chuck's lack of parenting skills and other issues. She invited them to join them at their new church. She also offered to watch the children so her and Matt could go out on the town. Dawn declined the offer. There was no mention of any concern for the safety of their children or ANY children. Meaghan's sudden concern regarding "child abuse" wasn't fabricated until she and Tim were rebuked for their gift, gossip, and invitation to leave the church visits on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **\*DEC. 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -MEAGHAN CALLED TO INVITE MATT AND DAWN'S FAMILY TO ATTEND GRACE & TRUTH CHURCH WITH THEM**

Again, there was no concern about any supposed ongoing abuse. The concern was to get Matt and Dawn to believe their gossip and leave BGBC to join with them at their new church.

### **\*DEC. 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -TIM VARELA CALLED MATT WITH VARIOUS SLANDERS**

Invited to church and sowed a few seeds of discord, Matt said no and the conversation ended...

Matt called back to deal with the issues...

Tim asked how is your walk with the Lord? Are you being fed? Are you growing?

When has Chuck ever admitted being wrong?

Has he ever confessed sin to you?

Children's church criticisms were made.

Why aren't there more deacons and elders, or men being raised up toward such?

Tim said that he did not believe that Chuck was qualified to be a pastor.

**\*DEC. 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -MEAGHAN VARELA EMAILED THIS TO DAWN, JUST SIX DAYS BEFORE SHE MADE HER CRIMINAL REPORT AGAINST DAWN'S FAMILY AND THE O'NEAL FAMILY TO THE DHS. TAKE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO MENTION OF ANY CONCERN OF CHILD ABUSE IN MEAGHAN'S EMAIL, BECAUSE THERE WASN'T ANY CONCERN! MEAGHAN'S ISSUE IS CLEARLY GOSSIP AND ANGST AGAINST HER FORMER PASTOR.**

Dear Dawn,

Upon hearing that Matt, and possibly you feel when I came over and was gossiping of Chuck's parenting skills to you, that is not what I thought I was doing. I may be being deceived, however, it is not my opinion that is what was being done. After hearing from Tonya on this subject, I realize you all thought I was, so I will take this to prayer.

We as parents should be aiming for our children's hearts and not outward conformity. Please forgive me for speaking to you about what I saw, as I was trying to encourage you to learn from what I saw and applying the Word, our Father in heaven, says about outward conformity, not from men. We all like sheep go astray, and I am thankful God is merciful to me, a sinner. I am asking you to give me mercy as well, because even as God in Christ forgave us, we must forgive one another.

Today Matt told Tim that I was over there gossiping, which I was not. I came to drop off that CD, as well as to visit my friends. I left, after talking with him about our business' slowing down and the turn around that usually comes after inaugurations. Matt said my car was in his way and he needed to get to out of the driveway...not to mention you were busy getting Mariam to bed and I didn't want to interfere with your routine...I was on my way home from Hillsboro and it was on my way so I dropped off some gifts.

**I understand what is going on here...I will pray for you and your family, that you all grow in the light of God, Christ and the Holy Spirit...not a man-your pastor.**

I am praying for you all, that deceptions will be lifted-God doesn't want outward conformity in His children as we don't want it from our children. It is what is in our hearts...we must not just be hearers of the Word, but doers. I have only done what God has laid on my heart...and that is to love you and your family in practical ways. I have no other intentions. He will lead you all in the way of righteousness. I have no bitterness to you or your husband. I hope that Tim's and Matt's conversation will exhort them both, that the hope of Christ will be stronger in each of them, refining daily as they walk in the light of His Word.

Love you,

miss you and your whole family a lot

Meaghan

**\*DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -TIM EMAILED KURT BANEY AND PASTOR CHUCK (CHRISTMAS DAY)**

Kurt-

Chuck emailed my pastor and I have been asked not email you further. Please consider this our last email. To make things easy for you I have ccd chuck so you don't have forward it onto him.

**\*DEC. 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -(11:58 AM) CHUCK SENDS A RESPONSE TO BOTH KURT BANEY AND TIM VARELA; THIS IS THE VERY DAY THAT MEAGHAN REPORTED MATT AND DAWN'S FAMILY AND THE O'NEAL FAMILY TO THE DHS. 53 MINUTES AFTER TIM VARELA RECEIVED THIS EMAIL, MEAGHAN VARELA PICKED UP THE PHONE AND MADE A FALSE CRIMINAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES THAT WAS DESIGNED TO SEND HER FORMER PASTOR (CHUCK O'NEAL) TO PRISON, HIS THEN 18 YR. OLD SON TO PRISON, AND TO TAKE HIS MINOR CHILDREN FROM THEIR HOME AND THEIR MOTHER.**

Dear Kurt and Tim,

Kurt, I apologize that your celebration of Christ's birth is being disturbed once again by this matter.

Pastor Mike called me just after Thanksgiving. Among other things he said that he did not believe that those who have come to GTBC from BGBC should be actively recruiting people (as Tim and Meaghan and others have been attempting to do) from a Bible and Gospel preaching church like BGBC. Because of your (Tim) ongoing assault upon BGBC, it was necessary to email Mike as one Bible preaching, Christ serving pastor to another. It was Mike's desire to serve Christ through protecting the sheep of the fold (GTBC & BGBC) from strife.

When Mike contacted me, he wanted to know who he should talk with (out of those that are now at GTBC) in order to put a stop to the strife and recruiting. I told him at that time (just after Thanksgiving) that I loved these people and had hopes that it was going to stop, and that I didn't want to throw any wood on the fire of angst that had been burning. Tim, it is your behavior that necessitated cooperating with another under-shepherd of Christ to protect Christ's sheep from unruly sheep that are biting.

Just before Thanksgiving, you (Tim) assured Dale and I (I have it in print) in two separate communications that you were going to stop all such recruiting activities, and that you would see to it that Meaghan stopped as well. Yet you and Meaghan have been busy sowing discord and attempting to recruit through phone calls, emails, and visits. Your words to Matt and Kurt are contradictory, crafty, and self-condemning. You engaged yourself in this destructive behavior just before Thanksgiving, and now you have engaged yourself in the same ungodly behavior just before and during Christmas. You need to focus on Christ Tim, and stop distracting God's people from service to the King and the celebration of His glorious birth.

Your and Meaghan's actions and words are not evidencing a new found faith in Christ, or greater submission to the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. Telling people that you want to meet to talk about what Christ is doing in your life in order to slander their pastor, elders, and church and invite them to another church is deceptive. Telling people that I am not qualified to be a pastor and then telling another person (who rejected your seeds of discord) that you know some are blessed under my ministry and should stay at BGBC, is either double minded or duplicitous.

You continue to act as if you have the innate right to attempt to dismantle a Bible preaching, Gospel preaching, Christ preaching local church person by person. If the pastor or elders should dare respond, they are painted as heavy handed and unloving. If members of BGBC don't want to meet with you or Meaghan to allow you to drip poison in their ears, their character is maligned. If members rightly inform the pastor and elders of your activities, it is suggested that they have some how betrayed a confidence or show evidence of being controlled.

You have lectured me and others much on it being all about Christ, yet your behavior evidences that it is all about the flesh. I fear you will reap what you are sowing in your flesh, and suffer consequences that are painful. I fear that your family will suffer with you. The fact that you are doing this on Christmas Day tells me that your gaze has wandered significantly from Christ. **I LOVE YOU VARELA'S DEARLY (as I always have) and pray you will repent and cease your contentiousness and sowing of discord among the brethren. I and my family prayerfully look forward to the day that we are again in sweet fellowship.**

Gal 5:19-26

Now THE WORKS OF THE FLESH ARE EVIDENT, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, HATRED, CONTENTIONS, JEALOUSIES, OUTBURSTS OF WRATH, SELFISH AMBITIONS, DISSENSIONS, HERESIES, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.



Love In Christ,

Chuck

**\*DEC. 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 (12:21 PM) -CHUCK'S RESPONSE TO MIKE HANAFEE'S DEC. 21<sup>ST</sup> EMAIL. NOTE: IN LIGHT OF THE EMBOLDENED ATTACKS THAT TIM AND MEAGHAN WERE MAKING IT SEEMED NECESSARY TO TRY TO HELP MIKE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS REALLY GOING ON.**

Hello Mike,

Thanks for talking with Tim, but I need to clarify that he is not "giving impressions", he is actively recruiting through invite to GTBC and slander of the eldership and other members of BGBC. Two days ago, Tim told Matt [REDACTED] (long time member) that I and the elders were not Biblically qualified for the ministry. He and Meaghan are seeking to strip the church of its membership in order to rescue them from seriously deficient preaching and disqualified elders. They have contacted two families for certain (there could be more) in the last week alone. I know that you are not seeking to recruit, but Tim and Meaghan are, and with unholy means, not sovereign means.

Dear brother, you mentioned not having authority due to a lack of membership. If you learned of a non-member beating his wife, you would have Biblical responsibility and authority to deal with it. If you learned of an adulterous affair going on with a non-member, you would have Biblical responsibility and authority to deal with it. If a non-member began to sow seeds of discord in your church, undermining the ministry of God's Word, undermining the testimony of Christ, undermining the character the eldership, you would have Biblical responsibility and authority to deal with it. I am sure that you and your fellow elders would agree.

Tim and Meaghan say that GTBC is now their church and that you are their pastor. In my understanding of Scripture (still having much to learn), membership does not determine pastoral authority, it simply helps establish the authority of Christ's under-shepherds in the hearts and minds of the sheep of a local flock. Attending sheep fall under the authority of Christ and thus fall under the authority of Christ's under-shepherds in the local church, regardless of a formal commitment to the local church and its eldership. To my knowledge, the Scriptures make no distinction between members and nonmembers in this regard. Making such a distinction would seem to be a recipe for chaos that the Scriptures do not justify.

You wrote, "nor would it be my will to tell anyone they cannot talk to others." Brother, please understand that it is not my will to exhort the saints of BGBC not to talk with others, **rather it is the will of God that His people not continue to receive gossip and seeds of discord:**

Prov 6:16 & 19

These six things the LORD hates,

Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

...one who sows discord among brethren.

Prov 20:19

He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets;

Therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips.

Prov 26:20-22

20 Where there is no wood, the fire goes out;

And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases.

21 As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire,

So is a contentious man to kindle strife.

22 The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles,

And they go down into the inmost body.

Titus 3:9-11

But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. 10 Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, 11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

I did not tell the saints of BGBC to cease to talk with Tim and Meaghan. However, the elders did give the church general instruction and exhortation regarding avoiding foolish disputes, and contentions that are unprofitable and useless. The elders also



exhorted God's people to reject ongoing fellowship and harmful conversations with divisive people that refuse to cease such behavior even after several exhortations. Tim and Meaghan have been engaged in that behavior for many weeks now and thus some have ceased to fellowship with them.

**The elders and I have talked and emailed with Tim (whom we love) on several occasions. My wife talked with Meaghan in our home a few weeks back. They have assured us that they are not doing what they continue to do. During our last conversation Tim said that he wished no further contact with the leadership of BGBC and that they would not be contacting BGBC saints. We have honored his wishes up to this point, but he has not honored his assurances at all. Instead, he has leveled a full on attack (calling, emailing, blogging, visiting), which he acknowledges by saying, "I know Chuck and the others in the leadership there will be hot as a hornet but I don't care, I don't answer to them, I answer to Christ and I would prefer to have Him be pleased with me."**

I love Tim and Meaghan. It has been my pleasure to be their pastor for many years. A great many seeds of discord have been sown in their hearts by others and now they have germinated and gone to seed. They desperately need a loving and authoritative application of the seed of discord-weed killer of God's Word.

In the following emails you will see Dale Weaver (an elder at BGBC) attempting to remind Tim and Meaghan of their own public testimony shared many times over the years. In response to Tim and Meaghan's attempts to draw people out of the church through the sowing of discord, Dale was trying to bring the medicine of God's Word and a remembrance of the genuine love and Biblical pastoral care that the Varela's have experienced and praised God for so many times in the past. The Scriptures warn of "tasty trifles... go[ing] down into the inmost body," but we have never seen such a bitter, mind altering, amnesic affect as Tim's response indicates.

**\*FROM DALE WEAVER (ELDER AT BGBC), JUST BEFORE THANKSGIVING**

Dear Tim and Meaghan,

As I am thinking about Thanksgiving tomorrow I am thinking of the many blessings I have this year. God has been good to me as he always has been. The one thing I am having trouble being thankful for is that two friends that have been dear to me for a long time have made themselves enemies of the church and our pastor. I don't understand it.

I understand that you have said some very surprising things about Pastor Chuck. I know I am getting old and my memory may not be great but I remember each of you praising the ministry of Christ through Pastor Chuck. I would have to say that you both have given more testimonies of Christ using Pastor Chuck than almost anyone I can think of. For just sheer volume of praise I can't think of anyone else giving more praise than the two of you.

I remember even when you left angry the last time, you did not set out to attack the church and Pastor Chuck like you are now. In fact even while you were gone you still communicated. God eventually used Pastor Chuck to call you out of Catholicism first and then Charismatic doctrine. This is your testimony not mine. As I recall, even with my bad memory, the testimony was that Pastor was patient with you as you often fought off the truth.

My memory also reminds me of the testimonies of Tim as God used his cancer to bring him closer to Christ. This could not be true if you were not in Christ to begin with. I can also remember the blessing you have been to Pastor Chuck. I know you often blessed him in many ways.

I will confess my memory is bad when it comes to the many details of each and every time you lifted Pastor Chuck high as a blessing from the Lord. I am reminded of Hebrews 13:7 "Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct." I think the writer of Hebrews says "remember" because we so easily forget. Our memories are so poor that we quickly forget the one who ruled over us, who has been faithful to speak the Word (even at the expense of his own personal time), whose faith is evident to all (even you), and we forget to consider the outcome of his conduct (his home is in order, he is faithful to his ministry toward the church and he loves the lost with the Gospel). Have you forgotten? The writer says remember.

Finally I will leave you with the rest of what Hebrews says in chapter 13 verse 17. "Obey those who rule over you and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give an account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief for that would be unprofitable for you." This will be unprofitable for you not Pastor Chuck or myself or Dave. I hope that someday this will be in our past like the last time you left angry. We were able to rejoice together when you returned. I fear because of the gossip and anger being spread that it will be more difficult.

I am thankful for so many things this Thanksgiving. I would like Tim and Meaghan to be part of those I am thankful for.

I am just asking you to remember.

I love you both.

Dale

**\*TIM VARELA'S RESPONSE**

Dale-

You miss the point, it is about Christ and only Christ. It is not about your pastor or your church. It is Christ alone!

Interesting choice of words; 'enemies of the church and your pastor'. I am now at peace with the Lord. Who is your god? Your email brings this into question: who your god is? It wasn't about Christ. The praise was for Chuck, not Christ. I don't know your heart.

Let's end these needless discussions. Unless you want to bring glory, praise and honor Christ we really don't have anything else to discuss.

I think it is for the best that there are no further communications between my family members and the leadership at Grace Brethren. I think it is best to go our own ways for now.

I don't think it brings glory to Christ and I take exceptions to that. I don't want to participate in this any longer. You are a nice person, let me remember you that way. Let's get beyond these character attacks. Chuck is a big boy and understands psychology. I've offered an olive branch, apologized to him and moved on, so should you.

Consider this matter closed, no further communications between your church leadership and my family. I will not have further discussions about the leadership there and ANYONE. So this should stop.

Tim-

These emails are sadly typical of the whole course of these last month's events. "Character attacks" are made against myself and the elders in a direct attempt to strip the church of its membership. We are thus forced to warn the church to beware of the attacks and those making them. We try to graciously call those making the attacks to cease fire. Every attempt to defend the flock and to reason with those attacking it is turned back against us as evidence of heavy handedness and "character attacks." They then tell us to stop our sinful attacks and press on calling, emailing, blogging, and visiting BGBC saints in order to sow yet more seeds of discord.

As I explained to you on the phone a few weeks ago, everything we do or don't do is turned against us as evidence of some sort of sin or deficiency. They share our perceived sins and deficiencies in multiple and ongoing attempts to pull people out of the church, and then claim the holy ground of it all being done out of genuine love of Christ, all for Christ: "I know Chuck and the others in the leadership there will be hot as a hornet but I don't care, I don't answer to them, I answer to Christ and I would prefer to have Him be pleased with me."

This behavior is not healthy for the Varela's, BGBC, or GTBC. We look forward to being able to press on in service to the Lord Jesus Christ, undistracted and unhampered by these ongoing attacks.

Grace &amp; Truth,

Chuck

**\*DEC. 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 (12:51 PM) -53 MINUTES AFTER TIM VARELA RECEIVED MY EMAIL, MEAGHAN VARELA MADE HER FALSE CRIMINAL REPORT TO THE DHS. SHE USED THE POLICE AND THE DHS AS HER WEAPON OF MALICE.**

**\*DEC. 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 -THE POLICE AND DHS (CHILD PROTECTION) SHOW UP AT MATT AND DAWN'S HOME AT 7:00 PM.**

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**EMAIL SENT TIMESTAMP**

Thank you for your reply  
 From: chuckoneal [REDACTED]  
 Date: Fri, Dec 26, 2008 at 11:58 am  
 To: Tim Varela  
 Kurt Baney, mikehanafee [REDACTED]  
 Re: Kurt and Tim,  
 I apologize that your case is still pending in this matter.

**DHS REPORT TIMESTAMP**

Report Type:	CPS
Date/Time Reported:	2008-12-26 12:51:00
Notes:	MINUTES AFTER TIM VARELA RECEIVED MY EMAIL AND DESIST EMAIL MEAGHAN VARELA MADE REPORT
Response Time:	Within hours
Denial Decision Narrative:	

**A SUMMARY OF MEAGHAN VARELA'S ALLEGATIONS**

Category:	Familial
Allegations:	Threat of Harm, Threat of Harm, Threat of Harm, Sexual Abuse/Exploitation, Sexual Abuse/Exploitation, Sexual Abuse/Exploitation, Sexual Abuse/Exploitation
Report #:	4 CHILDREN, 4 SETS OF ALLEGATIONS

...AND THEIR ASSAULT ON OUR CHURCH AND FAMILIES CONTINUES TO THIS DAY! THERE IS MUCH MORE TO THE STORY AND MUCH MORE EVIDENCE TO VERIFY IT. THE MORE LIES THAT ARE TOLD, THE MORE TRUTH IT WILL REQUIRE TO STOP THEIR LIES FROM DESTROYING OUR FAMILIES AND OUR CHURCH. WE WILL NOT BE SILENT ANY MORE. THEIR LIES WILL BE EXPOSED.