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**Subject:** LaGrange Bible Church Sins Against the Body of Jesus Christ

February 25, 2014

Open Letter

Dr. Ross Bacon, and Board of Elders, Chairman of the Board  
LaGrange Bible Church  
850 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
LaGrange, IL 60525

Dear Pastor Bacon, Chairman and Board of Elders,

**Re: LaGrange Bible Church Sins Against the Body of Jesus Christ**

Over the past two months I have presented to you information regarding charges against Rev. Bill Gothard with clear evidence, documentation and testimony of many witnesses which would be the basis for the disqualification of any Teacher, Pastor or Elder who represents the Gospel of Jesus Christ in any ministry. Pastor Ross Bacon and each Elder of your church received a copy of the 140+ pages of this testimony and documentation.

I am writing to you more plainly today, so that the elders and ministry team of your church will have every opportunity to consider the seriousness of your responsibility in this matter. A detailed letter is attached to this email along with a report of the 1981 LBC Elder meeting which Rev. Chuck Lynch was invited to attend. It will help put in perspective the history of your church and its previous rejections of its Biblical responsibilities.

I am also writing to you more plainly today because of the immediate publication of warnings to the church of Jesus Christ regarding the evidence of the disqualifications of Bill Gothard. The LaGrange Bible Church will be featured in the history that supports the need to now take this warning to the wider church because of the rejection by your church over the years in dealing with this case, and because the man you ordained and commissioned to ministry in the name of Christ does not seem to be now associated with any Christian church at all.

Your response to the attached letter and request for clarification of your current position will be most important for us to represent correctly and clearly in the history that will be published in the next week or two.

Pastor Ross, and staff and Elders of the LaGrange Bible Church, I have previously asked you a few questions that are very important, which to this date you have not answered. As stated in the letter, we believe that Truth can be fully investigated and is easily entreated. If you can help us understand your response to these questions, that will be most helpful.

1. Could you provide to me Bill Gothard's current home church so that I may be in contact with them to follow your recommendation?
2. Can you confirm to me that you provided for him a letter of membership transfer and that he transferred his membership from your church in good standing?

3. Has Bill Gothard phoned, visited, or emailed you, or you him, in regards to the communications I have had with you and your Elders during the past two months?

We do understand the seriousness of this case and we are praying you will have very clear direction from the Lord and from His holy Word as to how you can accomplish the deeds that God desires for His church.

If I or anyone else can be of any assistance to you, we are glad to involve ourselves in a meeting or a phone call with any one of you or with the entire ministry team.

With many prayers on your behalf.

Tony G

February 27, 2014

Chairman of the Board, Members of the Elder Board, Dr. Ross Bacon  
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Dear Chairman and Board of Elders, Pastor Bacon

It may seem I am over burdening you with the imploring you to consider these sobering, though serious and sad state of affairs. This particular one will be of a higher interest to the Chairman and members of the present Board of your Corporation.

I do have one more issue I do believe you might want to consider together, because of the seriousness of the charges before Rev. Bill Gothard. There may be some liability to the LaGrange Bible Church which at least ought to be included in your discussions there. I would imagine by now this point has already been addressed by your Pastor or one of the Elders.

Well over 10,000 Roman Catholic churches have gone before you and the Courts and the Law of the United States as well as many other nations has been appealed to for resolving local congregation problems the local bishoprics and board members were unwilling to confront and deal with. If helpful to you I can provide to you an index of each of these cases, or you can now easily search for them on the internet directly.

It could well be nearly too late for the LaGrange Bible Church to issue a censure or process the withdrawal of the ordination and commission to ministry of Rev. Bill Gothard by its authority. Whether or not your church goes on the record to warn the congregations who have unwittingly employed Bill Gothard to train their children and youth, could well put you directly in line for significant responsibility for covering his sins against youth and women, facts known to your church organization/corporation in great detail, previously and again now. As Rev. Gothard has described to millions across the land, the LaGrange Bible Church, his home church for so many years, is directly in the line of responsibility for authority and spiritual watch care over his life. This evidence is all on videotape.

More of this letter and considerations are in the attached letter. If you would, as you are able, we would be glad to know of any update on your considerations.

Tony G