

Voice of Evangelism

From: The Board of Directors "Ministry Leadership Team"

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RE: Evangelist Perry Stone

On March 29th, we received an email from Wyatt Massey with the Chattanooga Times Free Press notifying us that someone, had provided him with six hours of recordings of some of the leadership meetings that took place a couple of years ago. We cannot of course verify the authenticity of said recordings. With today's advanced technology recordings can be altered and manipulated to say things that were never said. There is no doubt that the intention of his impending story is part of a coordinated smear campaign. The fact that someone secretly recorded these private meetings shows that person(s) malicious intentions. We have also been contacted by numerous concerned friends of the ministry that Mr. Massey had contacted them, "I am the religion reporter with the Chattanooga Times Free Press. I have been speaking with former and current employees of Perry Stone/Voice of Evangelism to learn more about the ministry. Your name has come up in my previous conversations and I would like to get your perspective. Our conversation can be off the record, meaning no one would know we spoke and your name would not be included in anything I publish. Please let me know if you are interested and we can set up a time to talk." Anonymity without accountability gives people that ability to make false accusations.

The Voice of Evangelism Board "Ministry Leadership Team" has decided to make this statement continuing in the spirit of transparency and integrity about the events that took place two years ago and to also act as an extension of Perry himself.

As the Board previously stated, Perry had started to encounter serious health issues related to spiritual, emotional, and physical burnout. Doctors quickly determined that his blood pressure was at levels indicating the potential for a dangerous stroke. This demanded immediate attention and an independent team equipped to provide medical supervision to resolve these issues was employed. Perry was on the verge of a physical and mental breakdown. Through his forced leave of absence and counseling he recognized that his struggles with depression had caught up to him and that he needed to develop a new healthier lifestyle, which he has wholeheartedly embraced.

As the Ministry Leadership Team conducted its three-month long investigation two years ago, it became evident that some of the accusers wanted Perry permanently removed so they could be appointed by the Ministry Leadership Team as the new leaders. Comments were even made by the accusers that Pam Stone should also step aside in their attempt to get control of VOE, even though Pam did nothing wrong. The comments through social media outlets are truly absurd accusations and absolute false statements being made regarding Perry and the Voice of Evangelism ministry. Defamatory and slanders statements have even been made online by individuals that neither Pam or Perry have ever met or know. They are trying to increase their online following by making false and liable accusations. Even the late Billy Graham as well as other wonderful ministers have been attacked by them. Unfortunately, the woke culture that we live in gives people the illusion that they can spew untruths without impunity.

The Ministry Leadership Team took the proactive and justifiable measures at the time to place Perry on a six-month forced leave of absence. Although different time lengths for the forced leave of absence were discussed, after an extensive review the decision was made that six-month was appropriate.

The investigation revealed that no acts of adultery were committed. Some of the accusations were withdrawn, some of which were not signed or, identified as to authorship and others of which the Ministry Leadership Team found were not convincing or were otherwise unreliable.

In May of 2020, Perry publicly expressed his remorse, "I confess at times I've been inappropriate in all this weariness of just non-stop ministry... I let my guard down and I've asked, of course, God, and others to forgive me for that". Seeking forgiveness is expressed through God himself.

In the heat of the moment and with emotions running high, words that were expressed in a private setting out of sincere concern for Perry are now being used to malign the ministry by Mr. Massey and others. Statements made by Perry, at the time of the recordings, were made by a hurting and distraught man who was in fear of losing his family and ministry over accusations. There were some that were demanding that Perry never preach again, the Ministry Leadership Team fiercely disagreed with those demands. Thankfully, we serve a loving and forgiving God who provides through His grace full restoration.

The Ministry Leadership Team has worked with Perry to set in place strong boundaries including a seasoned accountability ministry team that meets with Perry regularly. The Ministry Leadership Team continues to evaluate his spiritual, emotional, and physical health and help to lead the ministry forward. Perry has humbly done everything that the Ministry Leadership Team has asked of him.

The Ministry Leadership Team of the Voice of Evangelism has not been contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or any other such investigative entity. Consistent with the findings of the Ministry Leadership Team and as a result of the allegations in early 2020, no one has made any accusations of any misconduct which would involve any considerations other than civil considerations. If contacted by any governmental agency we would cooperate fully.

Voice of Evangelism is committed to continuing to make substantial contributions to the betterment of the people of Southeast Tennessee and around the world. Once again, hundreds of thousands are hearing the love of God and the available gift of Salvation from the message delivered by Perry and other committed members of VOE. The Ministry Leadership Team stands firm in its unwavering support of Pam, Perry, and the entire VOE ministry team. It will always continue to operate in true biblical Godly integrity. Please continue to pray for us as the ministry is experiencing unprecedented growth.

As we make this statement Pam and Perry are off celebrating their 40-year wedding anniversary. Their marriage is stronger than it's ever been.

Questions or Media Inquires

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