

From: James MacDonald
Subject: Re: Another appeal
Date: November 18, 2019 at 9:19:48 PM CST
To: The Elders of Harvest Bible Chapel Chicago <elders@harvestbiblechapel.org>

Dear Brothers:

Thank you for your response to me, truly an answer to prayer. I will gladly meet Wednesday evening 7-9p.m. at the place of your choosing, please advise. I am willing to begin with personal confession of God's work of repentance in my heart as requested. I desire to bring some clarity to financial conclusions we have been excluded from thus far. I remain hopeful that the current course toward Thursday night can be adjusted in a way that is clearly led by the Holy Spirit and helpful to the congregation at Harvest. Praying the Lord would give us all ears to hear.

Until we meet,

JM

On Nov 18, 2019, at 5:17 PM, The Elders of Harvest Bible Chapel Chicago <elders@harvestbiblechapel.org> wrote:

Dear James,

Following up on our email we sent you previously indicating we would provide times to meet and based on your sudden urgent request to meet this week, the elders have agreed to meet with you this Wednesday night from 7 - 9pm. All nine elders will be there along with Pastor Greg Bradshaw. Feel free to invite three of the men you've partnered with in your repentance and reconciliation efforts.

We are working to find a place to meet that isn't at one of the campuses, which we feel would be best for everyone. If you are still available to meet on Wednesday night, we will confirm a location shortly.

We welcome the chance to hear your heart of repentance and to start the process of reconciliation.

In Christ,
The Elders of Harvest Bible Chapel

From: James MacDonald
Sent: Sunday, November 17, 2019 4:15 PM
To: The Elders of Harvest Bible Chapel Chicago <elders@harvestbiblechapel.org>
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To the men of Elder status at Harvest Bible Chapel:
I continue waiting for the promised opportunity to meet. We have silently borne the weight of false accusations, believing since May 1 that this newest Elder board would adopt a more impartial approach to overseeing what preceded you.

We have remained silent through spring/summer/fall and many troubling church actions, believing that a meeting would soon happen and a better reckoning of truth and error would result.

I own my sin and fallings as well as I can under your mandate that all involved have no communication with me. Submission to false condemnation is not a fruit of repentance, brothers. This Tuesday (11/19) will be two weeks since I wrote, yet again, requesting the meeting you promised in your public

condemnation of my character on November 2-3. Your response promising dates to meet was more than a week ago yet still nothing is scheduled.

My letter mentioned no change or delay in the arbitration process, nor any move back to mediation. 'Truth before reconciliation' is the only meaningful path to reconciliation, which we still desire. I am available, you guys are meeting regularly – still, you offer no date?

Since February 2018, multiple staff and elders have assured me that a meeting would happen prior to any public announcement of financial investigation results. Yet you have now announced a Thursday, November 21st public airing of your financial review. Many Harvest members are praying, even at this late hour, that you will break the cycle of partiality and public announcements that ever widen the gap between us, and meet with me as promised.

If you will not, why not wait for the objective arbitration results – detailed in church bylaws as the path to conflict resolution. Please do not put me in the awful position of possibly needing to refute errors that could have been avoided if the promised meeting had happened.

I am prayerfully awaiting a chance to talk face to face with a Harvest Elder board, for the very first time in 2019 – prior to Thursday November 21, while there is still potential benefit to the people you shepherd. All truth will come to light in arbitration... why make an announcement having never met with me, that I must refute and arbitration will resolve? Why?

A meeting is long overdue, brothers. The time is short. Anytime, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday this week, anywhere – we have waited so patiently.

Prayerfully,
JM