

Statement of New Life Baptist Church Regarding the Accusations of Rev. Stephen Berry

On January 27th, 2011, the Deacon Board of New Life Baptist Church placed Associate Pastor Stephen Berry on indefinite, administrative leave upon learning of a criminal investigation regarding inappropriate conduct with an adult female who was not a member of New Life Baptist Church. On Wednesday, February 2nd, 2011, the Deacon Board asked for and received Rev. Berry's resignation, which resignation was reduced to writing on February 3rd, 2011.

As a Church Body we are saddened to learn of the allegations and arrest of Rev. Berry. We will continue to unconditionally love Rev. Berry and his family through grace as we would any member of our church in difficult times such as these.

We will have no further comments regarding these or any other allegations, other than to state that we have never received any prior complaints of this nature involving Rev. Berry.

We offer our prayers and support for all persons affected by this matter. Please ask the Lord in your prayers to help us heal and that above all - His Will be done.

Robert Williams, Chairman of Deacons
New Life Baptist Church