

From Where I Sit . . .

A Statement To Our Readers:

In recent weeks, members of the Broad Street congregation, along with numerous congregations of the Lord's Church throughout Alabama, received a letter from Jackie Franklin. This letter was edited by his brother, Jim Franklin, and mailed as a joint effort of the brothers. The subject matter is of major concern to the Broad Street congregation and this eldership because it contained serious inferences about one of the elders of the Lord's church in Scottsboro who is an attorney.

Several leaders of other congregations, along with many of our own church family, have inquired as to this situation involving an elder at Broad Street. Our elders spent hours researching court records to document the entire matter. They then met with Jim and Polly Franklin, who are members of this congregation, regarding the procedure of a letter writing campaign and the implied misconduct of one of our elders.

We are so thankful to report to our readers that several wonderful things have come out of this meeting. First of all, Sister Polly Franklin did not participate in the letter writing campaign and did not approve of it at all though her name had been listed by her sons. Our relationship with her is only stronger for the way the meeting was conducted. We rejoice that the financial need which the letter refers to has been met.

Secondly, Brother Jim Franklin has written a letter which was read before the entire congregation on Sunday, January 19, 2003 in which he acknowledges the error of his way. The meeting ended with prayer and with loving expressions from all who were present. We now enclose the letter from Bro. Franklin in order to put the mind of our readers at rest that no misconduct took place by an elder of the Broad Street congregation and that we are at peace with our Brother, Jim Franklin. We praise God for a happy resolution to this matter. Satan will not prevail when God's people follow His Way.

..... Terry Broome

1/16/03 "I hereby apologize for all remarks made and the letters written that has caused confusion and wrongful feelings in the church here. I so wanted help for my mother that I used poor judgement. I never intended to hurt the Lord's church. I appreciate the love and concern of the eldership here. I especially apologize to Mr. Porter for the implications that he may have acted improperly. Ask God to forgive me that I will not be lost. In my sick mind I felt I was doing what was right in my eyes."

Jim Franklin

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