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Jan 14, 2011 | Posted by: roboblogger

Elk River pastor charged

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The Rev. William Neal Matthews, the pastor of Solid Rock Church and World Outreach Center, allegedly transferred money out of his mother-in-law's account while acting as the 94-year-old woman's power of attorney, according to a criminal complaint filed Jan.

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| concerned
<i>Elk River, MN</i> | Jan 16, 2011 | #1 Judge it! Report Abuse Reply » | Judged: 3 |
| I am pretty sure this is the least of what he has done. Why does it take so long for people to get caught? | | | |
| Unreal
<i>United States</i> | Jan 16, 2011 | #2 Judge it! Report Abuse Reply » | Judged: 5 1 1 |
| This same guy married his daughter in law. He had an affair with her(Lorena Matthews)why his son(Andrew)to whom she was still married at the time was out of state training to be deployed overseas to fight for our country. In addition, while the affair was going on Bill Matthews wife(Mary)was on her death and eventually passed away. Pastor Bill Matthews is a bad person. | | | |
| Scam artist
<i>United States</i> | Jan 16, 2011 | #3 Judge it! Report Abuse Reply » | Judged: 2 |
| This guy scammed me out of 36k. Do not trust him. | | | |
| Terry Sandberg | | | |
| A True Believer
<i>Shakopee, MN</i> | Jan 17, 2011 | #4 Judge it! Report Abuse Reply » | Judged: 11 6 4 |
| You guys sure are quick to judge. Until further evidence has been released, people are | | | |

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innocent until proven guilty.

@Unreal - You are incorrect in your accusations. He did marry his FORMER daughter-IN-LAW, but there was no affair. And once Loena was divorced (because her husband was abusive, a druggie, and an alcoholic), she is just a normal single individual who can marry anyone she wants. There is no laws against that. Make sure you have your facts right before you comment.

@ Terry Sandberg, I dont recall seeing any news or proof of your accusations. Someone is taking legal action on a few hundred dollars but you didnt on 36k? Pretty smart on your end.... maybe because you would have no ground to stand on.

Been There Jan 17, 2011 #5 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »
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@ A True Believer - You sure make a lot of accusations and assumptions of fact in your statement. Interesting how you are able 'know' the truth but others aren't. There are plenty of things that are legal but unethical. As Christians, we ought not to do the bare minimum and merely act within the bounds of the law. Most of us are just grateful that we escaped only slightly burned and not paralyzed by this mans actions. This is an integrity issue and he has yet again proved he is lacking.

Concerned Jan 17, 2011 #6 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »
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Just because it isn't illegal to marry your daughter in law doesn't mean it isn't gross! Also just wondering how you think you can prove the ex was a druggie and abusive. Those are some pretty wild accusations.

Concerned Jan 17, 2011 #7 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »
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I thought someone was innocent until proven guilty.

Wow Jan 17, 2011 #8 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »
Elk River, MN

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I saw this story in the news and googled this Pastor. He has other accusations against him besides this. Sounds like he lacks integrity in many areas.@ A True Believer- Same sex marriage is legal in some states. Watching Porn or smoking is legal. Are these things this Pastor would approve of too? Maybe he would since he obviously approves of stealing. I would expect higher standards from a Pastor. I don't think because this girl's ex was a "bad guy" that justifies her to marry her father in law. The son probably had good reason to divorce her too if that is the kind of person she is. Maybe this Pastor checked the laws to make sure marrying his daughter in law was legal before he did it. I guess he should've checked the laws before stealing from his mother in law

better off Jan 17, 2011 #9 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »
United States

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I am shocked that people are so blind to the truth of God's word and character they will continue to "love" and "support" these hypocrites. The one felony charge is really the least of the damage done. How many people and families has he destroyed and split up in the name of God, including his own, and with zero repentance? Please post the documentable evidence of what he has done for God. The trial starts Jan.26 I will be there with many others watching to see justice served. He claims to be a healer but allowed his wife, an amazing person to die, and never dropped a tear at the funeral, his son (andrew) who dedicates his life as a u.s. army sniper and is understandably estranged isn't good enough for Bill to even talk to. Why is bill innocent but Andrew guilty? I checked and Andrew has no criminal record! I guess this is a "Godly Father's" love

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I consider my sons and daughter in laws like my own children and I'm wondering if "a True Believer" has any children that are married. Now look at their spouse or even their boyfriend or girlfriend and tell me it isn't wrong to think that someday they could get divorced and marry you. Does that idea excite you? They would also be just "normal single individuals" as well, by your opinion, right? Gross.

Andrew
United States

Jan 17, 2011

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I am the son that was married to Lorena and I will never hide from my accusers or talk behind someone's back, I would be more than happy to have a one on one public discussion of any events that transpired! I can assure you there has been zero illegal drug use for 13 years, and there was never physical abuse toward Lorena, the bible says the devil is the accuser of the brethren. I know God and I know he is in control. Although I am sad half my family will no longer speak with me, I know God can turn it around for good. I am not bitter or mad, but I look forward to the day truth is revealed. No man is perfect only God, but a real man can stand up and admit his wrongs and accept the consequences, a coward will hide and lie and deceive and cover up to the end!

old friend of the family
Oakland, CA

Jan 17, 2011

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this event is tragic no matter who is right and who is wrong. the daughter of the service member (son) is being cast into a tumultuous world where her biological Father is her "brother" and her "dad" is her proverbial grandpa! The only thing I see on the part of the son (Andrew) was a lapse in judgement in choosing this girl to marry in the first place--although it sounds like the pastor was a smooth talker--I have heard many similar allegations over the years. If my son and his wife ever divorced for whatever reason I WOULD NOT marry my daughter-in-law. It removes any chance for reconciliation or healing--let alone the forever awkward position it puts the family in. Did this pastor even once think about his son or his family? This family used to be such a witness for Christ and now they have become another circus act in mocking Christianity. I was friends with each of them and since this has happened three of the siblings won't even talk to me, defriended on FB, no explanations, etc. This pastor is leading a cult--this is NOT how Christians are to act--Jesus would never have okayed this. I am hoping justice is done and that the child is placed back with her father. I also hope the children who have been brainwashed by their father/pastor/cult leader come to their senses and reach out to their brother during this terrible time.

Tommy Gust
United States

Jan 18, 2011

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Let's see what the law says on the 26th. If Slick Willy is found guilty, is he gonna call that an attack from the devil? Probably. I call it a Sovereign God who has had enough of heretics. Good luck.

Elby
Sofia, Bulgaria

Jan 18, 2011

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I'm absolutely sure that God is in your side Andy .The Word of God is so clear. He will have the last word.I'm agree with your statement . I hope the truth manifest and sincere believe and pray for you :)

Andrew
United States

Jan 18, 2011

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@ friend, I don't know who you are but I am so sorry, it is a terrible situation but I know God can turn it around so we can once again be witnesses, my heart and prayers go out to you and your family. God is good and His word is true!

Joanna
Tulsa, OK

Jan 18, 2011

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We're all behind you Andy!

Kim Stephenson
Davenport, FL

Jan 18, 2011

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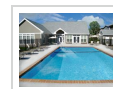
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How many lives does ths pastor (cult leader) have to ruin before justice is served? The charges of him stealing from his mother-in-law are like arresting a murderer for jay walking. I'm glad that he has finally been caught at something but God is the only one who will give him what he really deserves.

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If he ends up in jail I will assure you he gets what he deserves in there from a few big guys named Bubba. I sure hope sherburne county throws the book at this guy. I used to sell him car parts for his personal cars and car shop and he would use church checks. I guess those offerings are there to give William hot rods, shouldn't we be feeding the hungry or helping the homeless and elderly? What a sick world of greed William has led Solid Rock Church in to!



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Nicole T
Hopkins, MN

Jan 18, 2011

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Wow...is the only thing i can say. My heart goes out to andy and his beautiful daughter. Andy you are a wonderful person and have alot of people that support you. Justice will one day be served on this man for his terrible actions and choices. Andy dont feel that his actions are in anyway a reflection onto you. You are a much better person and father then he is, and GOD the only one that really matters knows that. We are all behind you and are praying for you and your daughter.

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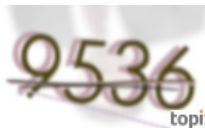
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Elk River, MN Jan 18, 2011 #21 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Also take a look through this blog and the comments after. I found this one while googleing, too. I can't imagine how anyone can do this to so many people, yet still believe everything he says and does is godly. He sounds like the definition of evil to me. http://micah.typepad.com/dogears_wrinkles/200...

Matthew S
Tulsa, OK Jan 18, 2011 #22 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

No Father, let alone a 'Godly' one, can justify marrying his son's ex wife. God doesn't tell people to do stuff like that. I hope his children can find it in their hearts to forgive him for his shameful actions and I hope he can repent and make things right with them.

Tearful
Elk River, MN Jan 18, 2011 #23 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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How can anyone read this and not be in tears? All I can think is "What kind of a man does this? What kind of a father? What kind of a leader?" He is supposed to be a moral leader in his community? Instead of helping the poor and the elderly, and lifting up the abused, he steals from them, and abuses them some more. What kind of a person does this, then stand up on Sunday morning after this article comes out and says to his congregation that he didn't take a penny from that woman? That will be my last time in that church. I'm sorry I didn't leave earlier.

Tommy Gust
United States Jan 18, 2011 #24 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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This is my bible....I am what it says I am-(a heretic), I can do what it says I can do (swindle money), I can be what it says I can be (a Godless heathen), I can have what it says I can have (the right to remain silent...)

Common Sense
Inver Grove Heights, MN Jan 18, 2011 #25 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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@A True Believer- So what you are trying to say is that in your " Church" is ok to marry you FORMER daughter-IN-LAW? What kind of one sided teaching do you do there? There are things in life when you have to take a step back and think..... Is that normal? ethical? so there is stupidity and common sense. Not only common sense would tell a person that has not been brainwashed their whole life that there is something wrong with that situation but would also not allow it. I am extremely glad you are a " True

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 Ex: You really should go to see a doctor if your leg hurts that much. It's just common sense!
 Ex: You really should not marry your FORMER daughter-IN-LAW is just common sense.....
 Definition of a sect (Solid Rock Church): a dissenting or schismatic religious body; especially : one regarded as extreme or heretical
 Definition of Heretical: relating to, or characterized by departure from accepted beliefs or standards
 All I know is that the only thing you do know is that just as you have the right to have freedom of speech..... So do I. I just hope your kind stops progressing as a race. We don't need that any more.....
 Also sorry if I had to write all of this out with definitions and examples as I feel like you would not understand where I am coming from with your level of beliefs and intelligence.

WOW Jan 18, 2011 #26 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Inver Grove Heights, MN

@ Common Sense

Example: You really should not marry your FORMER daughter-IN-LAW is just common sense specially if you are a "pastor"

Totally agree with you.

I hope it all works with you Andrew and this person does not hurt anyone else more than he already did.

Repused Jan 18, 2011 #27 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Saint Paul, MN

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When are all the lies going to end? "True Believer " get your facts straight! Read the Article ,this {CULT Leader} stole thousands (not hundreds) and it started the month after his wife died and continued until he got reported apparently??? Vulnerable adult abuse is a Felony if convicted? Wow! This is the behavior of a so called "Pastor"? I think the others that have posted reveal his true character! The front page article that everyone recieved reported facts not suposition? Why is everyone around this man in such denial? He is a liar , a thief ,and a criminal, unfortunately using a church pulpit to hide behind! Let Justice be served!!! Let all "Pastors For Profit" be exposed!

Astonished Jan 18, 2011 #28 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Saint Paul, MN

The lies continue?@Tearful, you mean he actually stood in front of his church and said he didn't steal from his 94 yr old mother-in-law!!! I suppose he calls it borrowing? Well the law calls it STEALING! You are the smart one "TEARFUL" to get out now. Everyone else that stays will look foolish along with him! You don't lie from a pulpit and steal from a vulnerable adult without GOD taking this very SERIOUSLY. Vengeance is mine says the Lord!!

Sunday Manning Jan 18, 2011 #29 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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*Andrew wrote:
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Andy, I am very happy that you spoke up; I believe you. From the time your name was given to me by your relatives, who I care deeply for, I have lifted you in prayer together with the names of other people who have been abused by family members,(and like your father, these perpetrators also had a position of authority in the church when their devilish deeds were performed). I am so sorry that one man's actions has caused so much grief and damage to so many people. We are not to be yoked with the unbeliever. Anyone who performs as your father has over the years is not a what we call a believer, or Christian. Even Satan believes God, but he is not a Christian. Christians follow Christ, Jesus Christ, the Anointed One. As Christians we must constantly choose our words and actions according to our decision to have Jesus lead us as the Commander and Chief of His Father's army, of which we are members if we are indeed children of the Almighty God. As much as possible let us talk to one another about the Kingdom of God, encouraging people to stand and act on God's Word, no matter the cost. Heaven and hell are realities; there is no turning back for the one who arrives in hell. Pray makes the difference; surrendering to Jesus is the way. God richly bless you and yours

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Elk River, MN

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In my state this is illegal.

Matt S
Tulsa, OK

Jan 18, 2011

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QUOTE who="A True Believer"
You say that his son was a "druggie & an abuser" but even if he was or if he was living on clean street, helping old ladies across the street all day-there is NO excuse for marrying his ex-wife. What an ungodly excuse.

Barbara
Sierra Vista, AZ

Jan 18, 2011

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I met this man in the early 70's. He was born again. I was not. His wife Mary was my cousin. She encouraged me to partake in the new Jesus People church, which I did not. But, from the moment they were married, I noticed Bill Matthews could not even look me in the eye. He tore her away from her family and friends. I know it takes 2 and from what I ascertained over the years was that she was happy. I don't think that's the truth. This man didn't even allow his daughter in law/wife to take care of her during the night when she was so sick. He announced his plans to marry their son's daughter very shortly after Mary died. I blame him for her death. She didn't get proper medical care because Bill didn't carry insurance and believe that HE could heal her. I've watched his live stream church services and he claimed to be able to heal people and he took their money. They'd walk up and put it in his pockets. He's a cult leader and I hope his congregation has seen what a scammer he is and goes elsewhere. I'm sorry for the kids, all 6 of them, having to deal with this horrible man and I do pray and hope that healing of this family happens some day. I hate that he doesn't put his children before all. It's just wrong!

Barbara
Sierra Vista, AZ

Jan 18, 2011

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Repulsed wrote:
When are all the lies going to end? "True Believer " get your facts straight! Read the Article ,this {CULT Leader} stole thousands (not hundreds) and it started the month after his wife died and continued until he got reported apparently??? Vulnerable adult abuse is a Felony if convicted? Wow! This is the behavior of a so called "Pastor"? I think the others that have posted reveal his true character! The front page article that everyone recieved reported facts not suposition? Why is everyone around this man in such denial? He is a liar , a thief , and a criminal, unfortunately using a church pulpit to hide behind! Let Justice be served!!! Let all "Pastors For Profit" be exposed!

Agreed!

Barbara
Sierra Vista, AZ

Jan 18, 2011

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Oh BS. There WAS an affair before Mary died. She was sleeping in the same bedroom as him.

Surprised
Elk River, MN

Jan 18, 2011

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I see "True Believer" doesn't have any more to say to defend his point of view. Did anyone notice that was the only comment on this thread that agrees with the situation? I wonder how many people go to this church

Andrew
Bettendorf, IA

Jan 18, 2011

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The problem I have had ever since this started is Bills followers are told not to discuss anything that would be an issue, like this subject, with others. Even my three eldest siblings refuse to talk to me and even be civil. I have been told by members who left the church over some of Bills integrity issues that they publicly spoke bad about me from the pulpit, yet they don't have the guts to speak to me directly, it is very easy to talk behind someone's back and spread lies, the best thing about this case is it is documentable evidence with clear paper trails. The churches finances and budgets are kept private as well as his salary and expenditures, his congregation blindly follows believing all is right. I feel if there is nothing wrong why hide it. He hid the fact he was going to marry Lorena and had a private wedding in California, when I get married again I will proudly tell everyone, because I will not be ashamed of what I am doing. For the record, I never claimed to be perfect or right, and I admitted and repented to everyone I knew about mistakes I made, which did not include abuse, drugs, or being an alcoholic. Thank you all for your support, I hope Jesus true character is shown through this in the end.

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Rocketlamb

Jan 19, 2011

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Tommy Gust

Jan 19, 2011

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United States

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Anyone who defends Bill is obviously on the payroll. A little advice to those people, a few moments of discomfort is far better than an eternity in the hot place. Get out and repent!

Robin

Jan 19, 2011

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North Branch, MN

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Andy, I want to tell you that I am so proud of you and your sisters. It is not easy at all but you all can hold your head up and look yourself in the mirror. I left Assembly of God years ago and it was very difficult for me as it was such a loving place but all that changed when Bill took the wheel and forced the change on all. Many people left and it was a confusing and painful time in my life but I can hold my head up and look myself in the mirror everyday which is quite funny to me because when I did see Bill around town he would turn and walk away or pretend he didn't see me. This whole thing saddens me and I know it is extremely hard to be so young and dealing with such horrible issues but I know that no matter what happens he will have to be accountable for his actions in the end. Continue to push on and draw on the healthy & positive relationships in your life.

Sunday Manning

Jan 19, 2011

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I like what you said Rocketlamb. There are two sets of rules, laws, etc., God's and man's. Man's law is made by those who represent us, the people, and all laws reflect the hearts of some of the people living in the land. There are also customs and traditions, also created and instituted by man through default. Over the years I taught a course on Cultural Ethics. A highlight of the course is placing a paper on one side of the podium representing all cultural and traditional activities, programs, etc. and on the other side the Holy Bible, the Word of the Living God. Where there is a conflict the Holy Bible always wins. Another highlight is student participation when the students (adults) raise and discuss issues and declare the truth of the Holy Bible will prevail as their guide. Rightly dividing often requires communication; only the Spirit of the Living God can tell us when to talk and when not to, what to talk about and what not to talk about. In this situation God can only control what we give to Him to control. Let us agree in prayer that God can do the best thing for everyone involved. Sometimes prison on earth is better than prison in hell for eternity, if that's what it takes for one to turn away from sin and turn towards the Almighty God. No matter what anyone has done, we want God to win, and what He wants to win is the heart of the person He created. Yes, we cry out for justice, and so it will come.

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Andrew
United States Jan 26, 2011 #102 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Chad, wow how did you find this [post](#)? I am where I am today in media, marketing, audio and video production because of your help. Do you have facebook? You can find me there. I assure you it is not the same src that you knew from years ago.

World Harvest Church
United States Jan 26, 2011 #103 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Hello,

My name is Dr. Ed Dufresne, Pastor of World Harvest Church in Murrieta, CA. Pastor Bill Matthews has been a very good friend of mine for many years. Bill came to me a short while after his wife, Mary passed away and asked for my blessing to marry Lorena, Andrew, his sons ex-wife at the time. After he explained to me the situation I agreed to marry them at my church. And at the time I believed it was the right decision. Later finding out many undisclosed details, I regrettably did so give my blessing and marrying, Bill and Lorena. Had I known what I do know now I would have informed Pastor Bill not to marry Lorena. There was a time I personally have dealt with the difficulties of a similar situation, pertaining to myself. I believe the Devil tempts a Prophet of God more so than the average man. That being said I have an idea of the temptations he is facing. The decision to marry these two has caused me much grief in my congregation, as well as in my personal life. It's something I am responsible for and need to live with. I don't know all the circumstances of Bills recent charge, nor is it any of my business. I do want to point something out I believe. Pastor Bill was a good man at one time and I do believe that he still has the strength to be a man of God once again. He has obviously made some serious poor decisions through the past few years and I hope he will look to the Lord to help find his way once again. My prayers are with Pastor Bill and all the Matthews children.

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Dr. Ed Dufresne

Chad
Bentonville, AR

Jan 27, 2011 #104 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Andrew You have NO IDEA how you just made my day...I've been wanting to contact you since I left SRC but couldnt find a decent way to do so...I've ALWAYS thought HIGHLY of you. You hung around the sound booth and was always willing to help me out...I've been checking FB out and trying to locate you since I left and found several Andrew Matthews and never knew which one was you...my personal email is cjthedj2002@yahoo.com do a search on FB for me and I will DEFINATELY add you..OR tell me how I can locate you better..I DEFINATELY will add u and want to chat with you..LOVE YA MAN! You made my day!

Chad
Bentonville, AR

Jan 27, 2011 #105 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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Chad
Bentonville, AR

Jan 27, 2011 #106 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Andrew I forgot to answer your question. I was actually doing a google search on ME for something and ran across my name on Ed Palmers site. I saw the posting about the Felony and did some further googling and came across this site and saw your postings..I've been trying to locate you since I left SRC...as I said..God is Amazing!

Chad
Bentonville, AR

Jan 27, 2011 #107 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

My bad..I left in 1994 or 1995...Not 2003 or 2004..Im bad with years...

Chad wrote:

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Nearly destroyed
Minneapolis, MN

Jan 27, 2011 #108 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

I was a member of Solid Rock for many years. One thing Bill Matthews said often is, "it is life or death the church you belong to." So true. My life was in constant shambles while I was at that church. I see now that it was because I was under constant demon activity. Much of that because Mr. Matthews was laying his hands on me week after week after week. I now cringe when I think of it. I hated [going to church](#) because the only thing he ever preached about was money and how much we needed to give. Often the entire service was about money. He would often tell us that we HAD to give something, anything, even if we did not have anything. We had to empty out our change or borrow from our neighbor to give. I went to church because they watched and judged me if I wasn't there. After all "good girls" go to church. I often wanted to leave, but Bill Matthews often warned us that if we left we would be cursed. That our kids would get sick, that our finances would get cursed and that we would die. We could not date anyone that did not go to Solid [Rock Church](#). That would be a sin. We were warned not to listen to or watch certain preachers. Other churches were banned from us attending as they were not of God. It was not okay to come in anything but dress clothes because that was not honoring God. Many offerings were taken for special projects around the church, but those projects never seemed to get done. I wonder where the money was going if everyone was giving so much? When I left Solid Rock I was treated like the plague by members of Solid Rock is I ran into them in town. Amazing, I thought they Solid Rock Church was a church of love and [friendship](#)... I now go to a REAL God honoring church. Yes, it truly is life or death the church you belong to.

Mindy
Elk River, MN

Jan 27, 2011 #109 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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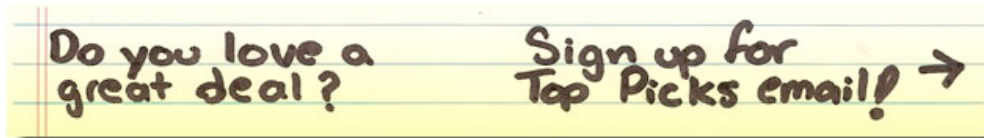
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Dr. Ed Dufresne

I haven't posted before for several reasons. One of the reasons is that I don't want what I say to be taken out of context by anyone. This is obviously very hard for everyone involved.

After reading this post, several things lead me to believe it was not Ed Dufresne who wrote it. I understand and appreciate people sharing their individual experiences. I do not understand why someone would lie about this. It's already really hard for all of us, and putting false information out there makes it more confusing. Lies don't help anyone involved. If Ed really felt this way, I think he would try to contact Andy, my sister, or myself. Also, Ed did have all the facts from the beginning, and it is clear that whoever wrote this did not. He has continued to be publicly supportive of my dad for the last year and a half.

Again, I support everyone's decision to speak out, whether anonymously, or not, or either side of the issue. I think that's all we wanted from the beginning. To be able to state the facts for anyone who would hear them.



Forever ex-src
Park Rapids, MN

Jan 27, 2011

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Judged: 2

Pastor Ed Dufresne, according to Bill Matthews you are on the board at Solid Rock Church. The felony charge against Bill Matthews is none of your business? That's a breathtaking abdication of your responsibilities.

Rev Edward G Palmer
Elk River, MN

Jan 27, 2011

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Judged: 1

RE: Mindy's comment on doubtful Dr. Ed Dufresne post.

Ed Dufresne WAS fully notified and informed of the sin of marrying Bill Matthews and Lorena Matthews via fax BEFORE the marriage was actually conducted and multiple times. A copy of the fax message that God had me send to his church is posted on <http://www.james417.org>.

I personally DO NOT BELIEVE that Dr. Ed Dufresne is a man of God. If he was, he would NOT have supported this evil ministry. IF he were a prophet of God as he suggest, God would have made the truth of Bill Matthews ministry clear to him. Ergo, from a Scriptural perspective, Ed Dufresne is a fraud that supported another fraud. That is the simple truth. Mindy is right in her assessment that the posting seems to imply some kind of ignorance of the facts was present. All of the facts were fully available to Dr. Ed Dufresne BEFORE he married Bill and Lorena. So, I agree, this post is either NOT from Dr. Ed Dufresne or it is his attempt to alter reality and cover his own evil [works](#).

When Bill Matthews literally STOLE the Elk River Assembly of God from the Assemblies first and its own congregation second through fraudulent state filings, I NOTIFIED ED DUFRESNE of the facts surrounding the church around the year 1998. Right from the BEGINNING when Bill Matthews assumed the [job](#) of Senior Pastor, he systematically eliminated all opposition in the church and then began filing false articles of incorporation to steal [by conversion] the church and its property. Details of how this was done are available at <http://www.james417.org>.

Chad's posting is accurate, as he saw in the 1990's that Matthews would raise money

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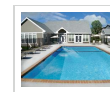
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for Chad's audio/video ministry and then did not pay the bills associated with the audio/video and instead spent those funds on other projects. In essence, Bill Matthews lied repeatedly from the get go in this church.

Bill Matthews is NOT a man of God and if he ever was one, it was before he came to this church. It is ironic that the former pastor Hoogenboom who was sexually involved with the women of the church was followed by a megalomaniac and thief. Both of these false ministers were disguised as righteous men of God. Discernment is a critical issue for all Christians to be aware of. I myself was fully taken in by Bill Matthews from June 1992 - Nov 1996. Only when he clearly spoke against Scripture and then lied about it to my face did I realize that he was not a man of God.

The time is long overdue for people in the know to come forth and tell what they actually know. Those who belong to God, will come out into the light so others can see. This is God's Word about those who know the truth. Also, only those who do so can get the spiritual relief from God that they seek. Anyone who keeps the knowledge of wrongdoing to themselves will never get the peace that God seeks to give them.

So, it is time to tell what you know and this is as a good forum as any to provide others with the information and truth that you know.

Having said that, please pray for the family and that all who are still trapped in the cult would be set free by God. It is not a shame to have been misled. It is a shame to hide the truth.

Blessings,
Edward

Mindy
Elk River, MN

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For the record, I would also like to say that no matter what Ed Palmer, or his web site says, Andy, Emily and I have nothing to do with him. We do not talk to him, he is not our friend, we do not support his agenda. If there has been any money collected through Mr. Palmer's web site, Andy has not seen a penny of it. Again, I don't want anyone to be misled, or take things out of context. Mr. Palmer has his set of beliefs for his own reasons, and that is valid. I am not trying to diminish his opinion, but I just want the facts to be clear.

Tommy Gust
United States

Jan 27, 2011 #113 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

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Dufresne, you are very much in kahoots with Bil.. If that was your post, you are an even bigger liar and heretic than your little cronie Matthews! I figured you'd cut ties with him when the heat turned up. You people are messing with God! BTW, hell is hot. Dress accordingly.

Rev Edward G Palmer
Elk River, MN

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I will confirm Mindy's statement above. I am not affiliated with the family and post some facts as I obtain them to the <http://www.James417.org> web site without their knowledge or permission. NOR do I post all of the information that I receive. This site is primarily focused on the theft of Solid Rock Church by William Neal Matthews. It is a documentation of the evil that resides within the Church during these End-Times. And, it is by no means the only evil present within the Church. The Church is populated with Satan's ministers of righteousness. Just do some research.

Still, the Matthews children and grandchildren are in my prayers and I am relieved that some of them have escaped the clutches of cult leader William Neal Matthews. This is bad for any family and given the circumstances prayer is the option I would choose for all who know this family. YET, the facts about Dr. Bill Matthews ministry, no matter how rotten, must be publicly documented. The alternative is to watch more families get spiritually abused for many years to come in this den of Satan. This means even more family forced into a divorce when one of the partners disagrees with Bill Matthews.

Regarding the issue of whether Dr. Ed Dufresne should have married Bill Matthews and Andy's wife Lorena Matthews, God HIMSELF would ask a few fundamental questions of the two ministers involved and all who acted without wisdom or knowledge of HIS Word in this marriage.

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God wants to know ...

Exactly WHEN did Lorena Matthews cease to be Dr. Bill Matthews daughter-in-law?

Exactly WHEN did Natalia Matthews cease to be Dr. Bill Matthews granddaughter?

How could reconciliation between Lorena and Andy be obtained when Bill recommended and funded Lorena's divorce from his very own son?

Is it okay to teach Natalia to call her grandfather daddy?

Is it okay to teach Natalia to refer to her daddy as a brother?

Is it okay to teach Natalia to refer to her aunts and uncles as sisters and brothers?

The bottom line in this marriage is that Andy could no longer support his dad's ministry. Like all the other families Bill Matthews has broken up -- he recommended divorce. Better to have one person supporting his cult than any division within the cult. ADD to this evil divorce theology of his -- the lust for Lorena that is obvious and you have the answer as to why this marriage occurred.

To those who think Lorena was no longer Bill's daughter in law once she divorced Andy, I would simply say to get right with God Almighty on this issue and stop being programmed by Bill.

God has not relieved any person involved with this cult of the responsibility to tell the truth about what they know.

Rev. Edward G. Palmer

PS -Again, I am solely responsible for the James417 site and I am NOT affiliated with any family members. Ergo, I confirm what Mindy has posted.

One of the great many
Saint Paul, MN

Jan 27, 2011

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the big difference here is that we are supporting andrew in stating the facts, pure and simple. There are a great many of us who can stand up and testify to the truth. The truth which is stated clearly in the bible and lays out in great detail that what Bill Matthews is doing is wrong. And there is the facts which are laid out to prove Bills actions and the great many people who can testify to being hurt by Bill. If there are really 75 people left in that cult, what is it saying that hundreds of people are writing to testify the Bill destruction and pain that he has caused. My dad was on staff with Bill as an associate pastor, and when my dad confronted Bill on some financial discrepancies Bill ask my dad to resign. But that was not good enough, Bill went on to try and spread lies about my dad. fortunatly people new the truth. i feel sorry for bills followers, they are soooo deceived. as for Bill, he will be held responsible for the lives he hurt. That church at one point had over a thousand people in it, and now there are 75, what does that tell u.

Cult Leader Exposed wrote:

I'm so glad this forum has been started. This bright, energetic young man with a magnetic personality (as stated by someone who must know him pretty well, probably one of his disciples) has apparently been working pretty hard to gather a group of believers, who seem to be very sympathetic and alarmingly aggressive. This type of religious extremism that Andrew and his followers are so boldly displaying, where anyone who doesn't agree with you is wrong and must be punished, shut out of your life and publicly harrassed and brought to shame at any cost, is what is dangerously wrong with our world today. Without honest postings from Andrew and his followers like these maybe they could've gotten away with exploiting his 94 year old grandma and his young daughter to gain more and more sympathy and possibly even converts to his cult (thank you to a previous poster who posted the definition). I guess it wasn't enough for him to be just a church member, he must not have had enough of a voice and influence over others in that setting. People with magnetic personalities and an intolerance for others are very dangerous indeed, as Andrew's ex-wife sadly must have found out. It wouldn't surprise me at all if his followers were even considering starting a church of their own, or attempting to write a book or something and are just trying to give street cred to themselves and get some free publicity. How sad that they are using their relatives and the sympathies of others to further their own cause. If this other pastor really is pure evil and Andrew's followers really were followers of Jesus, wouldn't they practice Jesus own teachings recorded in Matthew 5:38-48. If those who brought this law suit against this supposedly evil pastor really were believers wouldn't they follow their own supposed beliefs recorded in 1 Corinthians 6:6-8. And if the people posting "we're praying for you" and "i hope these poor victims can find it in their hearts to forgive" are the Bible definition of believers, wouldn't they understand that in order for your prayers to be answered JESUS taught, you must forgive (Mark 11:25). There's a scary thought, who are they expecting to answer their prayers? You know who really gets hurt in all of this, the people who are hungry for God, but get sucked into this slime pit. When the church looks like a mud fight, it's time for any believer who catches wind of it to look to Jesus instead of choosing sides, to shut their ears to the accusations and to get on their knees and pray for revival! By the way, Jesus was perfect and people got really mad and offended at him - just because somebody's shouting out their opinion doesn't make it fact!

Rumor
United States

Jan 28, 2011

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I'm not sure if anyone can answer this but I heard a rumor that Mac Hammond, Pastor of Living Word Christian Center had given his blessing over the marriage of Bill and Lorena. Or to some degree approved what Bill Matthews was doing. Does anyone know if that is true?

God bless,

Ted Wallendorf

Chad
Bentonville, AR

Jan 28, 2011

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My main concern in all of this is for the Matthews kids...That the ones that have escaped dont loose their faith in God and that healing takes place and for the ones that are still in it, that somehow they will break away. THE KIDS ARE NOT TO BLAME! I saw a post earlier of someone accusing Andrew of some stuff..It just broke my heart.....WE NEED TO BE IN PRAYER FOR ALL THE KIDS and lift them up!!!!and reach out to them in a positive way...To show them that we do serv a loving GOD and that GOD DOES CARE and he is GENTLE, LOVING and KIND...

Its hard enough to be a preachers kid, but its even harder when the preacher goes bad and your his kid... PLEASE DONT BLAME THE MATTHEWS KIDS!!!

Andrew
Sugar Land, TX

Jan 28, 2011

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Thank you very much chad, it's funny how looking back on my life so far certain people made a true positive impact, I am seeing that a majority of those people were people who loved God and loved people. We all make mistakes but it's how we handle those that matters.

Ted, yes he did say he would not come against another pastor, does bill really qualify as a pastor though, just because he has a church, not in my opinion.

Emily
Elk River, MN

Jan 29, 2011

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Thank you to everyone who is praying for our family. No doubt what has happened to our family is not easy for any of us 6 kids. The ones who stayed with my dad or the three of us that left. The decision to leave was one of the hardest I have ever had to make but in making that decision the rewards have been great. I stayed for many months even knowing what was happening between my dad and Lorena thinking my dad would change his mind, meeting with him and showing him the scriptures that I had found to support that what he was doing was wrong but at the same time trying to support him and be there for him after he lost his wife and we all lost our mother. This man was not only my dad but my Pastor. I remember the day when my son, who was in first grade at the time, came home from school (he was going to the school at the church)and he told me that his cousin had told him that Grandpa was going to marry Aunt Lorena. This was a conversation that I did not want to have with my son. How could I teach my kids that it was ok for a dad to take a son's wife or a pastor take the wife of someone in his congregation? How could I take away the safety of a family unit that a child feels? Would my son fear that some day I would leave his dad for his grandpa? So we made the decision to leave the church and took my son out of the school. Unfortunately we couldn't just leave the church; it was also leaving my dad since he was the Pastor and my 3 oldest siblings that stayed on staff at the church as well. Although I miss not having that part of my family in my life, God has rewarded us for chosing the side of righteousness. There were times in the church that my husband and I would receive a prophetic word that our marriage would only survive as long as we were connected to "our man of God-my dad" and his church. As soon as this Word was given to us my husband said, "I don't receive that". Those words don't have power over us. We never gave them power. We were told if we left the church our lives would be destroyed. It has been the exact opposite. Our marriage has improved 100%. My husband is my best friend now and we don't have them trying to divide our marriage. To anyone that is reading this that lives in fear of the things that were preached or said over you please know that those words have no power over you. Don't give them the power by believing them. Our lives have changed for the better in every way now that we are not under that spirit of deception. We live in peace, enjoy people, and enjoy life. Don't think that if you leave that church you are leaving God. Seek God for the truth and listen when He answers you.

To Ted: I did have a meeting with Pastor Mac Hammond about this situation. Pator Mac invited my dad to be in the meeting. I think he was trying to be politically correct and please everyone. He wouldn't take a stand and didn't want to hear any facts. I have the exact words that were spoken that I can share with you privately

Candy Berquist
United States

Jan 29, 2011

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Emily, thank-you for putting your post up. It is important to hear each of your positions from each of your three's perspectives! I imagine that some of the pastors knowing of this situation are thinking "for the better of the ministry" from the business end of things

versus standing up for righteousness; taking the hit of some people not trusting pastors and possibly leaving their churches. Remember how the Assemblies of God had a three year plan for fallen pastors being accountable and restored to the ministry? I am thinking there is MUCH MORE wisdom in that versus the instant "covered by the Blood"-instant restoration method. It takes time to process conviction of our sin before God, asking and receiving forgiveness from God, forgiving others, and forgiving ourselves. It takes time to process how our sin was first conceived; how it grew and manifested; to know how our sin has affected ourselves and OTHERS REQUIRES FEELING THEIR PAIN, also.(Not that we ourselves cover their pain.) Building of trust in ourselves to God and man by willing to be accountable to both, and then restoration of relationships. One thing I know from my relationship with the Lord is that He made me face my sin and feel the weight of my sin coming down on me. When I chose not to run from what He was showing me-then He covered me- and took the weight of my sin from me. He turned me around to FACE IT and FEEL THE WEIGHT OF IT. I never received what we were taught of instant restoration. There is definitely a process to growing in credibility and trust to all involved.

Chad
Fresno, CA

Jan 29, 2011

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Emily as I stated earlier..YOUR IN MY PRAYERS!!! Thank God you left as hard as it may have been for you as a daughter and sister..

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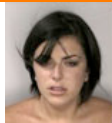
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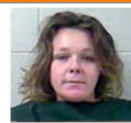
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Part One (sorry they got reversed)
 God has promised that there will be a holy remnant remaining unto Him which is ready and watching for His coming.
 "I will leave in your midst a meek and humble people and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. The remnant shall do no unrighteousness and speak no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed their flocks and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid." Zephaniah 3:13
 "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, who are among you, to whom its reproach is a burden." Zeph 3:18

REAL DEAL *Big Lake, MN* Jan 23, 2011 #83 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

I have known Andrew for over 2 years now, and have spent time with him both on and off duty. He never even brought any of this up or told me about this whole mess until these charges came out. I know he loves his little girl and he always brags about how smart and funny she is. If I was Andrew I would not be so nice to a man who did this to me and my grandma, keep your head up bro, you know we are all here for you anytime and whatever you need! DELTA

Birthday Friend *Mill Valley, CA* Jan 24, 2011 #84 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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Andrew--I love you and am still praying for you and this whole terrible situation. Sorry your dad has had this complete break with reality and is stuck in his delusions. I am praying jail will open his eyes so he can repent. I hope your brother and sisters can get out from the cult--i had just become facebook friends with them, too--then they disappeared. so sad. On a happier note--still hope to celebrate our birthdays together some year with our kids!

Those of you who going to Bill Matthews church--grow up and get out. You are cowardly and trying to substitute a formula and someone else's charisma for a real, challenging and rewarding personal walk with God of your own. If we still needed a high priest to talk with God on our behalf, Jesus wouldn't have come.

Birthday Friend *Mill Valley, CA* Jan 24, 2011 #85 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »

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p.s. and when He (Jesus) came, he didn't rob people or sleep with their wives.

once employed by a cult *United States* Jan 24, 2011 #86 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »

I still think that if a pastor hires a deceitful lawyer to make his new 20 something year old wife and her family legal in an illegal way... then that should speak allot of them. a simple I-9 check will show that there place of origin has changed along with there names as soon as they started the legalization process.

Andrew *United States* Jan 25, 2011 #87 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »

The court date has been changed, surprisingly enough he changed it to a day he knew I would be out of town for mandatory army training, I will still be at the other court dates as long as they do not fall on any of my training days. I can't help but giggle at some of the responses from Bill's followers, bottom line is I am not the one who selfishly divided my family by making some very unintegrious decisions, including marrying an ex daughter in law that I have known and counseled for years, and he even called her his daughter for years, introduced her to his friends as his daughter in law, that must be awkward.

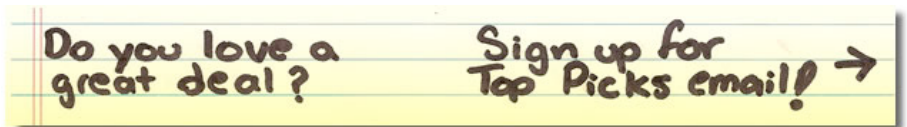
Jan 7, they celebrated there one year anniversary, 1 week before my birthday. And his church took an offering for them. Well on my birthday I received a wonderful gift, I opened the paper and saw Bill had finally been charged, don't get me wrong I don't want revenge, I am not even bitter, I do however know to much to sit and be content in my own life when he is walking around destroying families and households, and doing it all as a leader of "god's church" and the community.

Really *United States* Jan 25, 2011 #88 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »

This guy has purchased himself a first class ticket to hell. Good luck, buddy.

Tommy Gust *United States* Jan 26, 2011 #89 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »

When's the new court date? I don't want to miss it!



Wes *Elk River, MN* Jan 26, 2011 #90 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »

Andy i want you to know I love you and if there is any thing i can do for you , I will do my best to do it. I am praying for and your family that God can some how restore and revive them . I will say that i try to stand on the side of righteousness and what is happening and been happening for 18 yrs at SRC is shameful and an abomination to God.I also ask God to forgive me for following a man and not him for as long as i did.This story is still part of an unbelievable part of my life .Those who know me know that i hold the title of pastor in high esteem ,all thow i will never be in Bill's flock again i hope that God will restore him so i can at least use that title in his name . Wow even saying that brings back bad memories , because i know i was fleeced.

Rhea Beaudry *Elk River, MN* Jan 26, 2011 #91 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »

We all have been robbed in one way or another. I do not make light of it in any way. BUT GOD will bring justice, and when it comes, it will be total, no matter what means He uses to bring it. My prayers continue for the healing of all who have been hurt in this scenario.

Candy Berquist *United States* Jan 26, 2011 #92 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »

Can ANYONE doubt whether we are in the Last Days??? HOW MUCH MORE does evil have to flourish and the love of many grow cold before we are sure??? I pray that we all who have been affected be given the ability to process our feelings before God, allow Him to search our hearts, ask Him and gain ability to trust Him to lead us step by

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step to His healing and wholeness. I pray that we all choose to stand up for truth; that we can BE ANGRY YET SIN NOT; that if we cannot ourselves forgive-then to ask CHRIST IN US to forgive through us and show us how to be able to forgive, starting with forgiving ourselves for being deceived. Thank you, Rhea, for standing in the gap for those still so deeply wounded that they cannot yet arise. I pray also that we who have fallen can be counted with those spoken of in Daniel 11:35 "Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time." I say let the refining fires come... and let it start with me! I pray that we open our ears to hear what the Spirit says to the churches in Revelation 2 and 3 and that we all arise and choose to become the OVERCOMERS who will receive the promises spoken to each church who overcomes. I am so thankful for my Elk River Assembly and Solid Rock Church families that have loved me and my children through our hard years-I choose to remember the good things, the good people, the love we had for each other! God I pray for all of us-that none would perish! May I submit that I believe that Mary Matthews knows full well what has happened, and she now knows what was taught in error; that she is pounding the Throne of Grace with her intercessions for each of her children and family, church family, AND HER HUSBAND! I cannot understand fully nor can I fathom what God has allowed, but I am proud of, love, and support your stand for truth Andy, Mindy, and Emily. I will pray for your family until the END. May I encourage us not to throw out the gifts of the Holy Spirit because of man's errant use of them? Lastly, may I submit Revelation 19:11-16, "I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. He has a name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron septer. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

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LOST
United States

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So then, where do I go from here? I don't know how others are doing, but I can hardly go to church anymore? How do I trust "people of God" after this depth of deceitfulness? How do I rightly divide the word? How do I pray and even why do I pray? Is God even who we were taught he is or is this just another trick? Another deflection from the "dirty boys club"??? Why pray when God just allows unspeakable situations to keep happening over and over and over.....Whats the point???

Tommy Gust
United States

Jan 26, 2011 #95 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

If your heart desires God and truth, pray and stay in the word. I assure you that there is a few really good churches out here. If you know me, then you know how to get a hold of me. I'll help any way I can to get you in a good church.

Rev Edward G Palmer
Elk River, MN

Jan 26, 2011 #96 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Pray for the children and grandchildren and all of the families that have been deceived by William Neal Matthews, a servant of Satan clothed in righteousness. Additional information concerning Solid Rock Church and William Neal Matthews ministry is available online at <http://www.james417.org> including exactly how he stole the Church from the Assembly of God first and his own congregation secondly. Indeed, this crime is the least of the ones he is guilty of. YET, until those who know the truth stop covering up for him, he will, no doubt continue to abuse the people of his congregation. Therefore, everyone who knows the crimes he has committed and who refuse to step forward, identify themselves, and tell the truth -- are in fact, themselves also responsible for this evil that is being wreaked upon people in God's name. Don't hide behind anonymous names. IF Andy can identify himself, you also can. Jesus said "Woe to those who cause one of these little ones to sin." I would add "Woe to all who refuse to tell the truth and who hide behind the internet anonymously in their postings. God sees it all and HE will have the final word on all of this. I also doubt if William Neal Matthews will serve any jail time UNLESS those in the know stop covering up for his other crimes. Most likely, he will be fined and his congregation will be asked to pay what will be described as a satanic attack by those who hate the church. To the remaining members of Solid Rock Church, Jesus would remind you that you will know them by their fruits. BUT -- if you are too programmed to even open your eyes, ears and brains to what is going on around you -- you will remain destined to living in this cult. WAKE UP. And awake to righteousness. God's blessings to all who seek HIS truth. Edward

Rhea Beaudry
Elk River, MN

Jan 26, 2011 #97 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

"Lost"... that is the hardest part of this whole deal, that people are so disillusioned with "church" that they (we) have distanced ourselves from it. The fact that we are "disillusioned" points out that we had illusions in the first place. "Church" is not a building, a leader, or a small group of people who think exactly the same. "Church" is the Body of Christ--no walls, no buildings, no self-appointed leaders (Christ Himself is the Head).

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Someone wrote earlier an accusation of trying to start a new "church". No...actually it would be truer to say that they have broken out from the confines of "church" and have begun to live as those who are beloved of the Father, and those who are merely allowing Him to love others through us. If you look long enough and are very blessed, you may find a fellowship of believers who is not all wrapped up in promoting agendas and programs. Meanwhile, just know that there are those of us "out there" who are forever done with church-as-we-knew-it, and seeking to be the true Church of Jesus Christ-- CHURCH R US!!!!!!! My heart truly breaks for the ones who, in their disillusionment, threw out their personal relationship with Christ with the dirty bathwater, and now want nothing to do with HIM. Don't blame the Lord for what man has done. Keep on loving Him and opening your heart to HIM. He WILL be found by you, He promised!

Rev Edward G Palmer
Elk River, MN

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LOST wrote:
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You and everyone else who has suffered will find resources at <http://www.bookofedward.org> that can help restore your walk with God HIMSELF. You will find peace, but not in the church. You will find it in HIM alone.

Blessings,

Edward

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Forever Ex-src
United States

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Rhea thank you for your recent post to 'Lost'. You are so right! It is our personal relationship with Christ that counts. People can always fail us, even those who loudly proclaim themselves to be "people of God". Christ will never fail us.

Chad
Fresno, CA

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Despite all the bad stuff at SCR..Ive got alot of good memories as well..All the concerts I got to host..Seeing people get saved at the concerts..Some pretty funny road trip stories..One involving you Andrew..LOL Its just really sad to see how deceived people have gotten over 1 man and his ill teachings..We need to learn to follow God and not man..My prayers really go out to all of Bills kids..loosing a mother by death and division amongst siblings...some of them caught in the web of deception..MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO EVERYONE INVOLVED..Andrew if there is any way I can contact u personally, Id love to chat a bit..

cjthedj



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Fresno, CA

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By the way for those wondering im not in California..I have no idea why its showing that I moved to SW MO/NW Arkansas in 2005..

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Crazy *Inver Grove Heights, MN* Jan 21, 2011 #62 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Judged: 1

I went to SRC a few years back and this man that calls himself pastor was talking about not letting anyone else move in to your house, because you never know what can happen. Now I realize what he was talking about. HE DID IT! What happen to all of your teachings about exposing yourself to bad situations or avoid temptations. Well you did it you hypocrite, no one thought there was anything wrong with it because it was his daughter in-law and his wife was still alive. Well glad you finally taught us a real lesson.....

Robin *North Branch, MN* Jan 21, 2011 #63 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Judged: 2 1

Andy you are an amazing young man! This whole thing just sickens me. If it doesn't disturb a person when they hear the scenario of your father marrying your ex-wife something is terribly wrong! Not to mention taking advantage of Grandma! I've known Andy since he was very young, Andy has a beautiful, bright energetic personality that is magnetic. I'm very proud of Andy and his sisters for standing up and walking away from this terrible situation. It has to be one of the most difficult things anyone will ever go through. I can't imagine at such a young age to lose your mother, go through a divorce and be faced with such a terrible situation that you have to walk away from your family, the family which should be there for each other to get through difficult times. Nobody would make the decision walk away from their sisters, brother, nieces, nephews and all the other relationships that go with those, but these amazing kids did! They had to stand

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up and say no! This is wrong!

Supportive of Andrew
Elk River, MN

Jan 21, 2011

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Very well said, Andy. I hope some people from Solid Rock break the rules and read this, too. I hope there is a tiny hole poked in the bubble they live in. Once a little light is let in, it will get stronger and stronger until they are able to see what is truly happening. It is a hard revelation to have. It hurts to think you have been believing and living a lie. It's a hard thing to crawl out of. But when you do, it is so much better. It is so worth it. The biggest fear to break is the one about your life being destroyed if you leave, yet take a good look. How many lives are destroyed, how many marriages shattered, how many homes lost, because they stayed there? Leaving gives you a chance at a real life, staying ensures you will never be able to live to your full potential. So, Andy, keep telling the truth, keep talking to whoever will listen, keep standing for what is right. We stand with you and support you. And if someone out there is reading this, and you decide to leave Solid Rock, we will support you, too.

Cult Leader Exposed
Elk River, MN

Jan 21, 2011

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Judged: 6 3 1

I'm so glad this forum has been started. This bright, energetic young man with a magnetic personality (as stated by someone who must know him pretty well, probably one of his disciples) has apparently been working pretty hard to gather a group of believers, who seem to be very sympathetic and alarmingly aggressive. This type of religious extremism that Andrew and his followers are so boldly displaying, where anyone who doesn't agree with you is wrong and must be punished, shut out of your life and publicly harassed and brought to shame at any cost, is what is dangerously wrong with our world today. Without honest postings from Andrew and his followers like these maybe they could've gotten away with exploiting his 94 year old grandma and his young daughter to gain more and more sympathy and possibly even converts to his cult (thank you to a previous poster who posted the definition). I guess it wasn't enough for him to be just a church member, he must not have had enough of a voice and influence over others in that setting. People with magnetic personalities and an intolerance for others are very dangerous indeed, as Andrew's ex-wife sadly must have found out. It wouldn't surprise me at all if his followers were even considering starting a church of their own, or attempting to write a book or something and are just trying to give street cred to themselves and get some free publicity. How sad that they are using their relatives and the sympathies of others to further their own cause. If this other pastor really is pure evil and Andrew's followers really were followers of Jesus, wouldn't they practice Jesus own teachings recorded in I Corinthians 6:6-8. And if the people posting "we're praying for you" and "i hope these poor victims can find it in their hearts to forgive" are the Bible definition of believers, wouldn't they understand that in order for your prayers to be answered JESUS taught, you must forgive (Mark 11:25). There's a scary thought, who are they expecting to answer their prayers? You know who really gets hurt in all of this, the people who are hungry for God, but get sucked into this slime pit. When the church looks like a mud fight, it's time for any believer who catches wind of it to look to Jesus instead of choosing sides, to shut their ears to the accusations and to get on their knees and pray for revival! By the way, Jesus was perfect and people got really mad and offended at him - just because somebody's shouting out their opinion doesn't make it fact!

saddened
Davenport, FL

Jan 21, 2011

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Judged: 1

to cult leader exposed. Are you crazy???? I don't know if there is any hope for you. I pray God reveals the truth to you.

cult leader exposed

Jan 21, 2011

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I'm sorry I don't even know who I'm any more. Must be that I'm so brain wash. I'm going to keep googleing bible verses!

Supportive of Andrew
Elk River, MN

Jan 21, 2011

#68 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Judged: 1

@ cult leader exposed: Are you seriously trying to compare Bill to Jesus? Well, I guess you would since you worship him. You are truly sick and deluded. I don't know who you think answers your prayers. My Bible says that Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy. That sounds more like Bill than "Jesus was perfect and people got really mad at him". You really are brainwashed.



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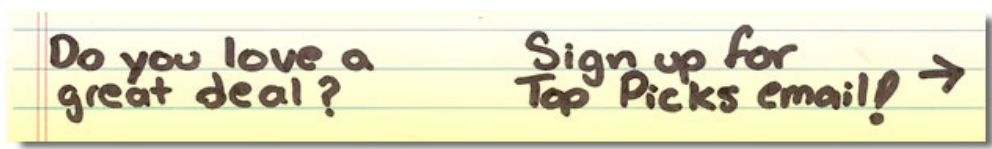
Seriously
Inver Grove Heights, MN

Jan 21, 2011

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Cult Leader I can put my hand on your forehead and tell you everything you want to hear if you give me some money also. I will also allow you to sleep with your in-law and take more money from you, telling you is for the church and make my salary bigger. I can really say people have an amazing sense of stupidity. Reading this almost makes me want to make money in shady ways.



Practice What You Preach

Saint Michael, MN

Jan 21, 2011

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Interesting that the only person who has shown an ounce of aggression is William Neal Matthews, By telling his children that they would be physically removed from the church if they returned or when he prophesied that those who came against him will die!!!! If there is a cult that believes that marrying your daughter-in-law is PERVERTED, whether she is married OR divorced, sign me up,sounds more like just having higher morals though. I am not religious,only due to the fact that religion is a practice,boring,and dead. I do on the other hand work with the law . The only one pressing charges against William is The State of MN, Sherburne County. Not Andy,NOT Andy's siblings,not William's deceased wife's sister. He did not violate them by stealing thier money,he violated them in areas were only God will be his judge,only his 94 yr. old mother-in-laws money was stolen !!! I do know that the prosecutors of Sherburne County must take all evidence into account {nursing home accounting records,William's in coming & out going bank records,IRS payments made by William from the same account} and when they all coincide,they lastly must question William & present all evidence against him,give him a chance to dispute it all. Then they must decide if they have what looks like a guilty verdict . It takes ALOT OF TIME & MONEY to prosecute a case that will not stand up in court!! They have decided it does have merit & he will go to trial. Let the cards fall as they may!!!! I am not worried!! God saw the beginning & he will judge the end:) By the way you are skating on thin ice by comparing William to JESUS!!!!!! There also is a Huge difference between Forgiveness & FORGETTING. William would need to confess a wrong,ask for forgivness in order to receive forgiveness. He states" NO WRONG HAS BEEN DONE"? What you are accusing Andy of {That if somone does not agree with him,they must be shut out,punished & publicly harrassed} is exactly what William does right from his pulpit every Sunday.Give a shout out if this has happened to you. Agenda based sermons suck!!!!!!

Sad
United States

Jan 21, 2011

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Judged: 1 1

i have been reading this over the last few days and i just had to say something. I went to this "church" years ago, i didn't leave on BAD terms kinda just tried to fade out. i had seen what had happened to people that chose to leave the church and the mean things that were said behind their back, so my family and i left as low key as we could. i was there for 4-5 years and now when i see these people around town the act like they don't know me, when it first happened i was a little sad because they all said they loved me and were there for me when i was at their "church" but when i see them at target they run they other way, now i think its funny to make sure they see me and i give them a big smile and a loud hello.

i cant even imagine if that was my family, i am so sorry for you Andy. i have a family of my own now and if my husband and i split and then he went for my mother i would just be in shock, i think you are handling it very well (a LOT better then i would). i love my sibling so much that if they deleted me out of their life because of a sick old man it would hurt so much. my thoughts and prayers are with you and your daughter and the truth will come out!

Creative
Elk River, MN

Jan 21, 2011

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Judged: 2

Well Cult Leader I must say that was a very creative way to state your opinion. I especially enjoyed the sarcasm in your writing. There are some holes in your theory. Andrew is not a leader of a group of people, doesn't meet to teach people about Jesus or anything else, and doesn't have followers. However Bill Matthews DOES and meets all the other definition of a cult. As far as the scripture verses; anyone can take one verse out of context and use it to defend their actions or use it to point fingers at others.

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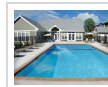
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Grieving Gods Spirit
United States

Jan 21, 2011

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I am also an ex-member of src and am grossly embarrassed to even admit it. There are few good things that have come out of that church, my precious remarkable and unforgettable Pastor Mary is definitely one. It must grieve Gods heart beyond belief to see what his children are capable of doing to each other w/o remorse. What a self serving "pastor" what a horrible disgrace to the word of God, to His church, to His children. Where are the "GUTLESS" men and women of God, fellow pastors and preachers, who are supposed to stand up for righteousness? Obviously they don't love their fellow man like the bible commands or they would be banning together to help this fallen man of God. The only ones doing that seem to be the hurting members of his family and the ex-members.

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I am so thankful that Pastor Mary cannot see and know what has become of her once beautiful family, the children she placed above all else, falling to near destruction all because of one self centered man thinking of only himself. I have come to understand that the wicked and the righteous do not always see their rewards here on earth, that is a difficult thing! And so i see some difficult consequences for many in the day of judgement. I have been deeply hurt and financially ruined simply b/c i chose to believe and trust in a man instead of God, my fault, my heartache, my consequences. I have no idea where we go from here but i choose to believe God and in the end, no matter what, He is my protector, my vindicator, and the one who will judge and punish.

Stephanie
Chandler, AZ

Jan 22, 2011

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I'm proud of the way you're handling all of this, Andy. I love you, I'm behind you and am covering you and this situation in prayer.

Dazed and abused
Elk River, MN

Jan 23, 2011

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Jeremiah 23:1 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord. This church at the time I began attending it (18 years ago) had to add on a 3rd morning service because it could not hold all of the people. I believe someone said it now has about 75 members mostly married into the family. It would be interesting to know statistically how many families have been torn apart, marriages ending in divorce, houses foreclosed on and businesses closed because of attendance at this cult. My business gave over \$300,000.00 to the cult and when we met with Mr Matthews because we were near foreclosure and could not pay our own bills or buy groceries for our own family we were told we just needed to give more. Were we stupid? Definitely. Were we blindly trusting and trying to do what our "Pastor" asked us to do? Definitely. All this while he was bragging about getting his shirts monogrammed at Nordstroms and staying in the "best hotels" because God wanted his prophets to have the best. When I finally decided to leave because I felt the word money was being used infinitely more than the name of Jesus my spouse was given council to divorce me. As a result of trusting Mr. Matthews we lost our business and the family that we were in business with we no longer speak to. When they decided to leave the church Mr. Matthews made a statement from the pulpit that there were people who had made a decision to leave the church and because of that their children would die. As a side note one of their children was battling cancer at the time. Mr Matthews used to preach that you should always check the fruit of where you are giving. The fruit of this cult is destruction and devastation. Mr Matthews also used to preach that a church had to make apostles that would go out and increase God's kingdom that if this did not happen that the church would become a stagnant pool. Independent prayer groups or anyone else preaching is strongly frowned upon and treated as competition and I believe the pool has become stagnant. Those of you who are "attacking" Andy have obviously not made an attempt to leave the cult or you would see a very different Mr. Matthews and it is not pretty. Until you can look at a situation from both sides you really are speaking from an uninformed

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*Freewoman wrote:
I suck at life*

I do not wish to attack you as I feel that as christians we should not be attacking one another. But I do have to say that as a member or regular attender at SRC you are not a Freewoman.
As members of this church for 12 to 13 years we were told what to think, who to talk to and who not to talk to, what was o.k. to read and what was not o.k. to read, what was o.k. to watch and what was not o.k. to watch, who was o.k. to give to and who was not o.k. to give to and who was o.k. to believe (Mr. Matthews) and anyone he brought to into the church and even than if he brought someone in that said something from the pulpit that did not line up with Mr. Matthews they were never invited back to speak again and who not to believe (ANYONE outside of the church). Even Teen Challenge whose fruit is hundreds, probably thousands of on fire, set free individuals are not allowed in his pulpit anymore, why only Mr. Matthews can say, is not allowed back. Your guide should be the Holy Spirit and the word of God. Not someone who said God told him he could marry his daughter in law, while she was still married to his son. You need to step back and seriously examine what you are hearing and line it up with the word of God, not what you are hearing someone else say is the word of God. You question if felons cannot be forgiven? Was Andy allowed time to be forgiven and council given to bring his family back together? Or was his wife stolen from an unforgiving father and so called Pastor. My husband was given council to leave me, not because I was doing drugs, drinking alcohol or living an unrepentant life style but because I chose to go to another church. I'm sure you don't suck at life, but you should examine the choices you are making. God loves you and will guide you if you listen for His voice not the noise booming through the pulpit of an unrepentant man who has bilked hundreds of thousands of dollars from his sheep while they could not make their own bills, all the while living an extravagant life style and has given council for countless others to leave their spouses because they chose to leave the "church". I encourage you to look up the signs and symptoms of a cult and hold them up to the "church" you attend and do so with an open mind. Then God can truly set you Free.

Creative
Elk River, MN

Jan 23, 2011

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Wow! That was very well written Dazed and Abused. I hope that some will be able to follow that advise and really seek out the truth. It is not to attack and bring one man down but only to set free all the people that have lost important relationships, finances, homes, and businesses because of their belief system. There is restoration of those things when you leave and start changing some of those thinking patterns!

Grieving Gods Spirit
United States

Jan 23, 2011

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I admire your courage to speak out amazed and abused. Not too long after leaving that "church" i began bumping into so many ex-members everywhere and hearing their stories. I did actually attempt to count the many who were destroyed in marriages, finances, esp. their relationships with God, and the numbers are unbelievable to say the least. I can still hear and feel the tremendous fear ex-members have and can't help but feel this web site is really helping people to begin to heal. There is no one to go to! Outsiders do not understand! Thank you to everyone who has shared their experiences and pain and hopefully we all heal together and find God in all this.

Rhea Beaudry
Elk River, MN

Jan 23, 2011

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God has promised that there will be a holy remnant remaining unto Him which is ready and watching for His coming.
"I will leave in your midst a meek and humble people and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. The remnant shall do no unrighteousness and speak no lies, nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed their flocks and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid." Zephaniah 3:13
"I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, who are among you, to whom its reproach is a burden." Zeph 3:18

Rhea Beaudry
Elk River, MN

Jan 23, 2011

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continued
Riches gained by evil means do not create a picture of success, but bring a curse.
Lord God, in the mighty name of Jesus, reverse the curse which has been against Elk River Assembly of God since the days of her beginnings. Let it go back upon the heads of the ones who cursed it. Restore the blessings that were stolen, the lives that were

ruined. Restore the years which the locust have eaten. Return the prisoners of war to the camp of the Lord, that they may be healed and restored. Restore the anointing and gifting of your Holy Spirit to Your people. Lift the curse of failure and defeat over our leadership. Let the curse be stopped and broken at the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. I repent for the people buying the lie and worshiping leaders instead of God. Forgive us Lord, restore and revive us for Your name's sake, and that Your kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven, for Your Glory.

"But if you retaliate against Me, swiftly and speedily I will return your retaliation upon your own head; because you have taken My silver and My gold, and have carried into your temples My prized possessions. Also the people of Judah and the people of Jerusalem you have sold to the Greeks, that you may remove them from their borders. Behold I will raise them out of the place to which you have sold them, and return your retaliation upon your own head." Joel 3:4-7

Bitter root expectations and judgments must be repented of and taken to the Cross. Jesus has reaped the curses, we need to put the Cross as the stopping place. It is not so much what was done to us, as our sinful reactions to it. God Himself will have His own way of shutting up false preachers. Discipline comes to those also who listened to them, and I have listened in the past. My ears were tickled. God, forgive me. It is important to keep myself in the Holy Remnant even in the midst of severe discipline and judgment, for the Lord Himself is the Shepherd of this flock and He will lead it.

Lord, I trust You to bring about justice in Your way, and I let go of all of the offenses and the offenders. Lord, keep me safe by Your grace. Protect me from falling into sin. Help me to draw others into the safety of Your true sheepfold, which has neither walls nor buildings. I can only draw others as I yield to You and let You shine into the darkness through me.

"He has shown you O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"(Micah 6:8) We will lead with what we love.

Sin will not prevent God's success. I will look to the Hope and remain with the remnant which will love and serve God through all types of times. I will stop questioning God's ways, not allowing confusion to slow me down in my growth and obedience. I will obey the KNOWN will of God – for today – and further instructions will come when needed. I will not allow the things that others do (or don't do) to infect my heart and relationship with God. I choose to focus on what is true, keep walking, eyes forward, not looking aside or behind. I choose to move on. I choose to trust, even though my heart has grown calloused and cynical. I choose to not listen to other voices. I choose to not discuss the problem, but to focus on "whatsoever things are true, noble, just, pure, lovely and of good report." Philippians 4:8

"I will walk in the name of the Lord my God forever!" Micah 4:5

"Seek the Lord, all you meek of the earth, who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden in the day of the Lord's anger." Zeph 2:3

"Let the weak say, I am strong" Zeph 3:9b

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Stubby
Beulah, ND Jan 19, 2011 #41 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

I left that church shortly before Matthews took over. One of the first things someone said to me about him, this was around the time of the Hoogenboom trials, was:(paraphrasing) "don't get your information from the newspaper, I will tell you what you need to know from the pulpit". I was in no shape to say anything. The writing was on the wall way back then. Can there be anyone that God hates more than a church leader that rips other people off in God's name? If you are still going there; it is OK to leave.

Stubby
Beulah, ND Jan 20, 2011 #42 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Tearful, or anyone else, I am just wondering how many people are still attending that church? Hopefully this will bring about the end of his "ministry".

Tearful
Elk River, MN Jan 20, 2011 #43 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

My best guess is there are maybe 75 adults left. Maybe half of that is related to him in one way or another. I feel so stupid for not leaving earlier.

Lulubelle
Detroit, MI Jan 20, 2011 #44 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

My [father](#), who at one time counted Bill Matthews as a friend, says that Satan attacks hardest those who God uses most. What Bill Matthews has done, both to his son and to his former [mother](#)-in-law, is deplorable, shameful and sad. I hope this upcoming trial opens Bill's eyes to the way he has been manipulated and used by Satan to bring harm to his [family](#) and church. I hope it causes him to repent and to attempt to heal the wounds he has made in his family and his community. I pray that, in the end, Bill Matthews can be forgiven by those he has hurt.

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ITHINKIMGONNATHROWUP
Elk River, MN

Jan 20, 2011

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Oh, wait, that's one of the children's songs "Mr. Andy" aka drug lord, tatoos man, lying about being in the military guy used to sing with all the little kids that believed he loved God! Who is the liar? Who stood with a gun in his pocket and declared, "At least I'm not a hypocrite. I don't claim to love Jesus or you at all." He was in his own house, with his wife present and his daughter crying. That's the problem with pointing the finger at someone else. You've got 4 pointing back at yourself. Anybody who believes a one-sided story is a liar and a fool themselves. What happened when they brought somebody to Jesus who was actually caught in the middle of a real crime? Anybody, especially those spreading their vomit via this or any other means, better be glad Jesus shows mercy and loves us all!

Freewoman
Elk River, MN

Jan 20, 2011

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*Andrew wrote:
I am the son that was married to Lorena....*

I came upon this post in a google search. After reading the various postings I have to applaud Lorena. It is blatantly obvious that Andrew is still obsessed with her and is using this opportunity as a pitiful attempt to try and get her back. He reminds me of my ex husband. The classic male chauvinistic pig. One who bullies and controls emotionally and verbally. Feel free to give yourself an award for no physical abuse Andrew, how caring you must be. Is this all any woman has to look forward to in a relationship with you? You probably even let her sit at the table when you ate didn't you. How about the distinction with "illegal drugs?" The statistical average on [drug abuse](#) is much higher with prescription drugs anyways. Just because they are legal doesn't make it right to abuse them. There are many more ways people can be abused than just physically. It took me many years of counseling and support to be able to get out from under the control and abuse my ex put me through. I was afraid to make my own choices for fear of what he would say or do to me. Now I can be my own person and not be controlled. Its clear to see this whole thing is based on Andrews jealousy and fueled by his rage. The final cling and hold he had on Lorena has slipped away and he can't stand it. Lorena, take it from me, you haven't made the wrong decision to leave this loser. Stand strong, be your own woman you not only saved yourself but also your daughter.

Lulubelle
Detroit, MI

Jan 20, 2011

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*ITHINKIMGONNATHROWUP wrote:
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For you to say that "anyone who believes a one-sided story is a liar and a fool themselves" incriminates yourself as a liar and a fool, too, as you must only believe the "other" one-side of this story. It also implies that you think it is okay for someone to steal from an old lady and marry a woman who gave birth to their grandchild. Do you not see how wrong that is? Are you so blinded by your brainwashing that common sense eludes you? I feel sorry for you "ITHINKIMGONNATHROWUP", and I'll pray for your enlightenment. I don't know who you are, but God does.

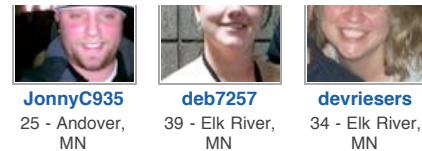
Delusions of a Freewoman
United States

Jan 20, 2011

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Are you insane, Freewoman? William Matthews is supposed to be a man of God and he's married to his sons ex-wife. You must be on prescription drugs. Continue to live in your delusion. Especially, after Pastor Bill becomes a convicted felon.



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Freewoman
Elk River, MN

Jan 20, 2011

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Who are you to tell me what to think? Just because I disagree with you I'm insane? Posts like yours make it abundantly clear that this entire blog post is agenda based. Are you inferring that the millions of women out there who are married to felons can't be happy? Are you saying that their husbands are bad and aren't worthy of being in a loving caring relationship? Are you saying that to do something wrong and make a mistake makes you disqualified in some way to be loved? I think it's clear you are speaking on behalf of Andrew and just another of his "voices" to try and shame Lorena from breaking free from his overbearing control. So what if Pastor Bill becomes a convicted felon. She obviously loves him and I applaud her for following her heart.

Seriously
Minneapolis, MN

Jan 20, 2011

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Ok, lets just pretend that all you are saying is true and that Andy is a horrible person. Does it still make everything that this fake person calls himself a father and "pastor" right? Again you are right, better be glad he shows mercy specially for people like you.....

Andrew
Elk River, MN

Jan 20, 2011

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Lol, first I will gladly address the throw up man, still to ashamed to post your real name, I don't know how I can lie about being in the military, but I will gladly invite anyone to view my DD214 form, I am still very active in the Minnesota [National Guard](#) and am helping my country, not disgracing it. Secondly, I have a legitimate job where I do not con people or take their money and not finish [car](#) projects in the time I tell them. Nor do I receive offerings for carpet and lighting at my church and to pay off the mortgage but still not finish the projects I promise my congregation. The bottom line here is honesty and integrity. We do not even have to bring up the offering taken to pay for my mothers funeral and to pay for her headstone, I visited her grave just last week, and still no headstone. The truth is all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, the point is not all the wrong everyone has done in their past, it is when people come to repentance. I have repented before man and God, I sat in an office an repented to my [dad](#) and to my at that time in laws, let me be clear here, not because I was abusive or doing drugs, because I was not, but because I felt that was the mature way to deal with not having a successful marriage. I am repulsed by the example that Bill, and his followers and supporters are setting as so called "God fearing, Your place of love and healing" believers, and as a father. I do not claim to be a pastor or a prophet or a minister or a teacher, and yes I certainly at many points said I do not love Jesus, but look at what my example of Christ was, someone who would lie to my face and tell me he loved me all the while he was planning on marrying my wife at the time (he told me to my face July 13, 2009 in front of 8 witnesses that Lorena was one of 3 women God told him he could marry) my divorce was not final Aug 27, 2009. I am not here to [judge](#), that will be up to Sherburne county. I am not standing saying I have done everything right,(like others seem to be doing) I do and always have loved my daughter more than anything and I will continue to do everything in my power legally to assure she gets the best life available to her. Druglord? lol if that were true I would have a lot [more money](#) and be driving fancy cars like Bill. One sided story? Have you ever sat down and looked at both sides documented facts? I have. You want to hear our side of the story, let's have coffee I am guessing you have my number and or address.

Freewoman
Minneapolis, MN

Jan 20, 2011

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I suck at life

Surprised
Elk River, MN

Jan 20, 2011

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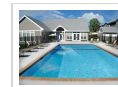
Freewoman- I don't think you found this in a google search. Only someone that still goes to Solid Rock could sound as crazy as what you just wrote. You may have escaped the control and abuse of your ex-husband but you put yourself under the control and abuse of this Pastor. Anyone that applauds a woman who makes the disturbing, perverted decision of marrying her daughter's grandpa with no regard to the trauma this will cause her daughter and the rest of the family must be as twisted as her. No one is saying she shouldn't have divorced her husband if she felt controlled or emotionally abused. The problem is the decision she made to marry her father in law. Lorena has no chance at being her own person and not being controlled since she

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married Bill Matthews. If you think Andrew sounds like a bad person; where do you think he learned his behavior? His father maybe? They say the apple doesn't fall far from the tree so if her husband was so bad why would she marry his father?

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Ex-SolidRocker
United States

Jan 20, 2011

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Ithinkimgonnathrowup- I like your name. That's what I say to myself every time I think about a 57 year old man marrying/sleeping with his 27 year old daughter in law. Freewoman-You said it's obvious Andrew is obsessed with Lorena? Hahahaha! That is the most preposterous thing I've heard so far. Why would he ever want someone back who had been with his dad? Oh that's right. You're probably confused about that. Most people don't like to "share" women with family members. I wonder if William ever thought about the fact that by marrying his daughter in law he could never ever have a relationship with his son again. What kind of father does that? And that's not even going into the fact he's claims he is a Christian! When I left Solid Rock Church, I was told I couldn't handle "the fire". William Matthews was right when he said that. I couldn't handle "the fire" of HELL. I can only imagine what he is telling his congregation now. I'm sure it has to do with this being an attack of Satan against the church. And how being in the right church in these times is a matter of life and death. It's quite pridedful to think your church of 75 people is the only way. If anyone that still goes to that cult is reading this, get out while you are still able. Get your children out!! If you have any ability left to think for yourself, really think about all this! Marrying your daughter-in-law may not be breaking the law (as messed up as it is) but stealing from an old lady is. I can only hope justice prevails in this and this perverse cult leader who calls himself a pastor is jail bound. To the 3 children of William Matthews that found a way out from under that despicable man, I applaud your strength.



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Andrew
Elk River, MN

Jan 20, 2011

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@freewoman, I respect Lorena as a mother to my child and would hope someday we will be able to co [parent](#) my wonderful daughter, however (not that it is anyone's business) I am certainly in no way interested in any other form of relationship with her, she is a married women and that would be wrong. How was I overbearing and controlling, especially compared to Bill? If anyone speaks there opinion they are outcast, I am not claiming I had a perfect marriage to Lorena, please don't accuse me of things you don't know all the facts about. I was not allowed to go to college or join the Army because my dad would not let me and I was in fear of being excommunicated from the family and church. When I finally decided to be an adult and make my own choices based on what I felt was right, Bill certainly tried to turn all he could against me, including kicking me out of his church and spreading lies about me to his congregation, believe what you want. All I want is to be able to be a father to my daughter, she loves me and I love her. I signed the divorce papers without fighting and without hiring an attorney, gave her all she asked for (look it up or come read the divorce decree) When people in the church are told what they can and can't do, like be on facebook for example, or like they are not allowed to talk to me or my sisters, that looks like control, manipulation, and abuse. If I was abusive or controlling keep in mind, I learned exactly how to treat a woman from my dad. As far as the whole drug thing, I was never a druggie and never used or abused drugs since I was 17. I am more than happy to continue blogging and discussing any or all of these events, my life and story is out in the open, I do not want to and am not trying to hide or exaggerate any facts.

stating the obvious
Big Lake, MN

Jan 20, 2011

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for those of you who think that Andy would want to touch Lorena with a 10 foot pole you are delusional. Bill Matthews didn't care that Lorena and his own son had been married for years and had MULTIPLE sexual experiences per week (i assume) in that time. But to think that Andy, who is young and HOT and obviously can do better, would want to go back to that disgusting broad after she's been getting penetrated by his own dad is RIDICULOUS. Bill Matthews is gross, Lorena is sloppy seconds and Andy is better off. i wonder if she ever regrets her decisions when she crawls in bed with a man older than her own father every night. My advice to her is to keep the lights off. My name is Amy by the way. And I'm in the [Army National Guard](#) with Andy, so the accusations that he lied about it are also ludicrous. LOL

Garry Thompson
United States

Jan 21, 2011

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It amazes me how someone can be so into his "God" yet be so corrupt. This man, for sure will visit the devils lair and wish he had chose a different path. Maybe some eletroshock therapy and a nice padded room shall suit him nicely. Then we can tear

down the devils worship center for cults to hang out. How does anyone believe what goes on there, after all the stories I guess people just feel the need to believe in something. Here's a thought peoplego to a christian church and sing a song, visit AA if you need it, those people will help direct you. Bill Matthews is a horrible human being, and his son Andrew, deserves more than the treatment he has received from his so called family. He is a very respectable man and protects our country with his honorable services. And for that Andy I thank you and am glad to call you a close friend. See you later Bill I hope you get what you deserve...

Garry Thompson
United States

Jan 21, 2011

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You obviously don't know a single thing about anything except the lies and desiept that they have filled you with. How can you be so judgemental about things you know nothing about. Have you talked to anyone that knows Andy? Didn't think so, cuz youre being so onesided. Before one should express their thoughts, and make assumptions, they, meaning you, should take the time to consider that you know nothing of the situation, and if you don't know anyone in the situaion, maybe your thoughts don't amount to jack, cuz you are absolutely wrong about everything you say about Andy. And you should at yourself and ask, why do I choose the devils side in this matter?

Freewoman wrote:

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I came upon this post in a google search. After reading the various postings I have to applaud Lorena. It is blatantly obvious that Andrew is still obsessed with her and is using this opportunity as a pitiful attempt to try and get her back. He reminds me of my ex husband. The classic male chauvinistic pig. One who bullies and controls emotionally and verbally. Feel free to give yourself an award for no physical abuse Andrew, how caring you must be. Is this all any woman has to look forward to in a relationship with you? You probably even let her sit at the table when you ate didn't you. How about the distinction with "illegal drugs?" The statistical average on drug abuse is much higher with prescription drugs anyways. Just because they are legal doesn't make it right to abuse them. There are many more ways people can be abused than just physically. It took me many years of counseling and support to be able to get out from under the control and abuse my ex put me through. I was afraid to make my own choices for fear of what he would say or do to me. Now I can be my own person and not be controlled. Its clear to see this whole thing is based on Andrews jealousy and fueled by his rage. The final cling and hold he had on Lorena has slipped away and he can't stand it. Lorena, take it from me, you haven't made the wrong decision to leave this loser. Stand strong, be your own woman you not only saved yourself but also your daughter.

Joanna
Tulsa, OK

Jan 21, 2011

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Andy I think its good that you have nothing to hide and are giving true facts here but you do not have to defend yourself to these crazies posting on here.(freewoman, truebeliever, etc). Anyone with a half-sain brain can see the truth in all this and God will vindicate you! He really will. Stay strong.

Andrew
Big Lake, MN

Jan 21, 2011

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Thank you, I am on here to state the facts and answer questions not so much to defend myself. More so the facts can finally get out there and at least people will be able to finally hear both sides of the story and not just the one side that is preached from the pulpit and prophesied to people. If Solid Rock Church is still how it was Bill would have already got up and told them not to read or believe anything they see in the newspaper or internet, but maybe someone will read this and be enlightened, I know the day I realized their true heart (maybe the same day my dad, while sitting next to Ed Dufresne, told me he was going to marry the women I was currently married to) I felt like I had been blind for years and could finally see. I was at Solid Rock for many years and when I finally left it was said I would die or be destroyed or some kind of terrible thing would happen to me, even their prophets got up and declared God would do terrible things to me, however I am not coming against a prophet or a man of God, I am standing up for what is right, and I am still here and I am better in all areas than I have ever been. If a person breaks into your house and steals all you have, rapes you and leaves you lying in a puddle of blood thinking you will die, when you finally get up from that and recover you are a fool if you sit back and say they are okay, they didn't mean it and I love them and will support their every decision. I hate that my family is tore in half, I hate that they refuse to let me see my daughter even at the state minimum, I hate to see vulnerable people get robbed and taken advantage of, especially those who can not defend themselves (example: a 94 year old women in a nursing home) These are all reasons I signed up to protect and fight for this country, but sometimes the battle happens in your own home and a person has to stand up and boldly fight for what is right. I will be at every court case and I will talk to anyone who asks anything. I will stand and declare what I believe is right and I will defend the innocent and vulnerable people who are listening and believing the lies he is spreading! Anyone can blame me, but realize Bill made the decision to ignore God's word, and even said God told him to do the things he did. Read the Bible and pray, get to know God's true heart, he would never say to destroy your own family. When my oldest sister was going through hard times I moved in with her and tried to help her pay bills and take care of her family the best I could

even though I was only a 19 year old kid, I did not marry her or have any kind of incestual relationship with her, but that is what Bill did with his daughter in law, he then "allegedly" stole from his 94 year old mother in law, and when he was confronted about the missing money by the police he paid it back, "borrowing" without permission is still theft! And the worst part he does all this saying God told him to, I hope God does not tell him to empty your life savings or sleep with your wife and kids.

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Fresno, CA Feb 6, 2011 #183 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

@Dean...Ya man I remember you!!! Spoke with you alot..Regarding Andrew working with me in the Sound Booth..YUP he was pretty much my right hand man back then..Mary told me privately that he really enjoyed working with me and the Audio Video stuff..I was glad to leave SRC but I really missed those that had in impact on me and ive always wondered about Andrew after I left..Its really because of this list that ive been able to make contact with a few of those that I cared about...especially the MATTHEWS KIDS and TOMMY GUST! Tommy was in my 5th Sunday School class back then if I recall.We would always go out to eat or go to a movie or something, so ya this list has done me alot of good...and I actually found this list kind of by mistake..LOL

@Mindy..Thanks for the link! I hope to be able to watch the report from down here in [Arkansas](#) Monday night via the net.

@C Love A support group might be a good idea. Im in Arkansas and cant be a part of it. Id be more of a support person then anything. Im doing well and have a youth ministry down here but sure would love to help others out where I can.

C Love
United States Feb 6, 2011 #184 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

It does my heart good to see all the support everyone is giving to each other, thats the way true believers are to behave always walking in the love of God. My email account is down but should be going in the next day or two. So if anyone would like to be apart of a support group to help get clarity in the word and emotional support this might be what ur looking for. My email is carriellove@yahoo.com please let me know ur interest and hopefully we can get something good going to put an end to any confusion. Love to u all! Thanks Nate for your posting of interest good to hear ur doing well.:-)

Stubby
Beulah, ND Feb 6, 2011 #185 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Are they running promos during the Super Bowl?

Chad
Fresno, CA Feb 6, 2011 #186 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

I WONDER IF...Bill will try to get a [judge](#) to stop the airing of the story? I wouldnt put it past him to try..

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I am always amazed at how nearly none of the current members at src seem to know me whenever they see me down the street? It used to hurt my heart but then i decided to make it a point to walk in love and not miss the opportunity to show them i still love them even if we disagree. So, now i go out of my way to say hello and ask how they are doing. Today was a great day for that i ran into 6-8 members and they know im still living and doing well. I will pray for them to have their eyes opened and make healthy decisions for themselves and their families.

Nate
Minneapolis, MN

Feb 6, 2011 #188 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Wow, the last snip it I saw for the news on monday included alot more then I thought they would! From the sound of it, Jeff has put just about everything he was given to work with! Hopefully the info falls on the right ears and a deeper investigation can bring correction to that church. I would feel so much more comfortable allowing my children to stay there with true leadership.

You're welcome Carrie, it's nice to hear from you. I'm doing as well as I can all things considered. I know now nothing I do will bring back what I had, but at least I can begin to move forward. I still don't understand how a man was able to destroy not just my finances, but also my marrige and my family. God is a good God and I know it can only get better, right?

My prayers are with the Matthews family, this thing needs to be turned around and the truth be brought to light.

Dean
Zimmerman, MN

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Chad,

Are you working in the communications field? How do you like ARK? Great to chat with you here my friend.

Remember my wife an I supported the radio and TV ministry with donations, then you would give a Thank You gift of sermon tape in return for each donation? That was a great idea. Did Bill support this idea?

You had me convinced the whole ministry would have blossomed maybe doubled with services going over the air. It would have too! Little did any of us know what was going on behind the scenes. We suspected something was wrong when the communications ministry begin to wind down. Soon feeding and clothing the poor ministry every week faded. Then the street ministry stopped. What got under our skin was the music change, Went from praise and worship to loud rock. Sylvester was the music director then Bill fired him, and drove him out of town. Wasn't long after this that we could not stand it anymore and vanished from services.

C Love... after leaving SRC, my wife an I discovered the cold shoulder treatment like you are experiencing with members of SRC, they don't want to acknowledge you exist. Your very RIGHT about not letting this get to you. Instead treat them like a friend even though they pull away from you. We did this, and it takes a while, but soon they will accept you. We all have to go through this, but its a valuable lesson to learn and practice.

Chad, Andrew, Mindy, Emily, its a pleasure to get to chat on this forum with you all. We wondered about each of you through the years. We wish each of you the very BEST! To everybody involved with SRC in some way, as members or related to members of those who attend or attended, "Let The HEALNG BEGIN!"

Chad
Fresno, CA

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@Dean, Ya it was my idea and Bill did support it fully..The first thing I thought was odd was when he closed down the food ministry..That was a big thing to that church and it reached out to alot of people in need..It hurt to see all of my cousins and aunt and uncle leave the church..and I agree about the music..It became more of a ROCK CONCERT...I did stop in a few years ago on a Sunday night just to see what it was like..Mary said HI to me but Bill just looked at me and looked away..no words exchanged..I felt as if I had gone to a ROCK CONCERT and not church. They also had most of the seats roped off and just a few rows open in the middle sections...

As far was what im doing now. I do contracted computer work for Walmart..I dont work for them but do contracted work with them. I do sports photography on the side and have a youth ministry geared towards Motocross Racers, and yes ive been to the new track in Elk River..LOL..Last year 2 kids on the race team I have GOT SAVED and another one of them got HEALED from Cancer! I also do race announcing and have a website in which we do recorded interviews with racers. I also am a part time sound engineer at my friends recording studio..

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Chad,

You are going full steam with all those activities. Thats cool. During these times its a blessing to have a job or jobs, but to have something you like to do is really important to the self. Sounds like you are having the best of both worlds.

We go by the track in ER and when the races are on its always full. I like that youth ministry you have, thats the Chad I know all the way. You always were good with young people. Maybe its because your young at heart and feel their pains of growing up. Congratulations on all you've accomplished.

Glad your here on the forum. More later. Peace!

PBJ
Elk River, MN

Feb 6, 2011 #192 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »

Hey Chad and Andrew, I can relate to all that. When I was on staff we had a preacher come to preach one time, I can't remember who it was, some biker guy I think. But afterwards one of your oldest sister's first husbands said to me, wow, that was a 10,000 offering. But it is funny how being on staff we never heard about it. The only thing I heard was the bank calling on three months of back payments on the building that same week. Or the numerous times we didn't get paid for the week because Bill Mathews got stuck across seas because His check bounced on His first class tickets and He couldn't get back. So they took our checks to pay the airline. Hey man my tithe was in that check. Seemed like the church just robbed me of my blessing? Last time I checked rubber checks are against the law? One time when I lived with Bill Jr. and I gave \$300 in the offering. He asked me where is rent? I said I gave it. He was mad! WHAT!!! That was not your money to give He said. Ummmm it came out of my pay check soooooo yes it was I said. Later He went to his Dad to get it back. I guess my faith wasn't strong enough for the offering plate that week. I was robbed of my blessing by the youth pastor. LOL JK. But that's what they would preach but never practice it. So glad that part of my life is over and done with. And Praise God for bringing every hidden thing into the light. I look back at all this and just smirk a smile and think to myself. With all the prophet friends He has..... He should of saw this one coming.

C Love
United States

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PBJ: I know exactly what you mean...when i was on staff, I went for 6mo w/o a pay check! I am a [single mom](#) with two kids and had to work up to 3 jobs to make things work! I finally told mr matthews that i didn't want to get paid, i would just volunteer. I was thinking it was too much of a strain on the church to pay me and i would rather be a help than a burden. If i only knew then what i know now...i think i would have demanded my pay just to start to push this process along? Wow, Ben i sure miss you, heard you and Joanna have two wonderful babies, how wonderful!

Hadafeeling
Elk River, MN

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This does not surprise me. About 10 years ago I worked at a bank in elk river. It was one of the banks that SR had accounts at. I jokingly called SR "solid freaks" because of the people who came in to make the deposits-sorry to those people! I always felt like that " church" was a cult. Many times employees of SR would come in to cash their [paychecks](#) and there was not enough in SR's account to cash the checks! I felt very bad for these people and had a feeling that there was something very wrong going on! Wow! I will be watching tonight! PS I never did like their glowing red cross in front of the building- creeped me out!

Dean
Zimmerman, MN

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To all posters:

Just thought of something. Can anyone record the 9PM news story on Bill tonight? I would but can't, don't have the equipment to record; only have a TV.

If anyone could record the news story maybe they could then [post](#) it on YOU TUBE for future play for everyone. This would be a forever thing, kind of a historical play back on Bill's story for future generations. Just a thought.


Thanks!

Chad
Bentonville, AR

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@Dean..There was a point in my life shortly after I left SRC that I went through a rebellious time. Without really realizing it I was mad at God and at the church. But with friends and family I made it through. If I have any real adverse affects now from SRC it would be that I cant stand long winded preachers and beggin for money. If a message cant be delivered in 20 minutes, I loose my focus and I get real antsey...and I can say this is directly because of the LONG services amd constant services at SRC...I was at a service once with Larry Lundstrom and he only spoke for 11 minutes and at the end the alters were full with MANY first time decisions. I dont think we should put God in a box with a time frame to operate in but I also dont think its necessary to preach for 2 hours either..People, like me, loose their focus.

@hadafeeling..Well your suspicions were right. Personally I love the red cross, just not the [teachings](#) that took place behind them doors.



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susie Feb 7, 2011 #197 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

I know of both these men dufresne and matthews both are affiliated with the Rojas family they call dufresne their spiritual [father](#) and then even had matthews come to their church and preach some false message while people where on the floor laughing and I don't believe for one minute that dufresne wrote that message that is from someone in his congregation dufresne knew what he was doing was wrong

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Mindy Feb 7, 2011 #198 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
United States

@ susie: which Rojas family are you referring to, and are they sill a part of Ed Dufresne's "company"?

C Love Feb 7, 2011 #199 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

@Chad: I know i am also in a rebellious place in some ways. I know its dumb to be angry with God but i really feel betrayed by God as im sure many have also. Betrayed by my pastor, and betrayed by the members i thought were my "family".Thats a large part of why i wanted to post and be apart of a support group to help me process and graduate! There has to be an end to all this and im praying it will somehow turn around for good. I realize it may not be exactly the way i might want it to be but i will choose to trust God.Thank you to everyone for your honesty.

susie Feb 7, 2011 #200 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Andrew wrote:

Thank you, I am on here to state the facts and answer questions not so much to defend myself. More so the facts can finally get out there and at least people will be able to finally hear both sides of the story and not just the one side that is preached from the pulpit and prophesied to people. If Solid Flock Church is still how it was Bill would have already got up and told them not to read or believe anything they see in the newspaper or internet, but maybe someone will read this and be enlightened, I know the day I realized their true heart (maybe the same day my dad, while sitting next to Ed Dufresne, told me he was going to marry the women I was currently married to) I felt like I had been blind for years and could finally see. I was at Solid Flock for many years and when I finally left it was said I would die or be destroyed or some kind of terrible thing would happen to me, even their prophets got up and declared God would do terrible things to me, however I am not coming against a prophet or a man of God, I am standing up for what is right, and I am still here and I am better in all areas than I have ever been. If a person breaks into your house and steals all you have, rapes you and leaves you lying in a puddle of blood thinking you will die, when you finally get up from that and recover you are a fool if you sit back and say they are okay, they didn't mean it and I love them and will support their every decision. I hate that my family is tore in half, I hate that they refuse to let me see my daughter even at the state minimum, I hate to see vulnerable people get robbed and taken advantage of, especially those who can not defend themselves (example: a 94 year old woman in a [nursing home](#)) These are all reasons I signed up to protect and fight for this country, but sometimes the battle happens in your own home and a person has to stand up and boldly fight for what is right. I will be at every court case and I will talk to anyone who asks anything. I will stand and declare what I believe is right and I will defend the innocent and vulnerable people who are listening and believing the lies he is spreading! Anyone can blame me, but realize Bill made the decision to ignore God's word, and even said God told him to do the things he did. Read the Bible and pray, get to know God's true heart, he would never say to destroy your own family. When my oldest sister was going through hard times I moved in with her and tried to help her pay bills and take care of her family the best I could even though I was only a 19 year old kid, I did not marry her or have any kind of incestual relationship with her, but that is what Bill did with his daughter in law, he then "allegedly" stole from his 94 year old [mother](#) in law, and when he was confronted about the missing money by the police he paid it back, "borrowing" without permission is still theft! And the worst part he does all this saying God told him to, I hope God does not tell him to empty your life savings or sleep with your wife and kids.

wow I am so sorry to hear that this kind of thing happens in every church this man bill matthews came to genesis world faith in California and he put on a good error that he loved and missed your mother in front of the Rojas's well I always had a funny feeling about dufresne that he wasn't right either I will keep you in my prayers and I do believe this goes a lot deeper than we think

susie Feb 7, 2011 #201 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Mindy wrote:

@ susie: which Rojas family are you referring to, and are they sill a part of Ed Dufresne's "company"?

I am referring to Jim and Virginia Rojas and yes they are much a part of his company calling him "dad" and leaning on his every word I can't believe they didnt know about this bill matthews

susie Feb 7, 2011 #202 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Dazed and abused wrote:

Jeremiah 23:1 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord. This church at the time I began attending it (18 years ago) had to add on a 3rd morning service because it could not hold all of the people. I believe someone said it now has about 75 members mostly married into the family. It would be interesting to know statistically how many families have been torn apart, marriages ending in divorce, houses foreclosed on and businesses closed because of attendance at this cult. My business gave over \$300,000.00 to the cult and when we met with Mr Matthews because we were near foreclosure and could not pay our own bills or buy groceries for our own family we were told we just needed to give more. Were we stupid? Definitely. Were we blindly trusting and trying to do what our "Pastor" asked us to do? Definitely. All this while he was bragging about getting his shirts monogrammed at

Nordstroms and staying in the "best hotels" because God wanted his prophets to have the best. When I finally decided to leave because I felt the word money was being used infinitely more than the name of Jesus my spouse was given council to divorce me. As a result of trusting Mr. Matthews we lost our business and the family that we were in business with we no longer speak to. When they decided to leave the church Mr. Matthews made a statement from the pulpit that there were people who had made a decision to leave the church and because of that their children would die. As a side note one of their children was battling cancer at the time. Mr Matthews used to preach that you should always check the fruit of where you are giving. The fruit of this cult is destruction and devastation. Mr Matthews also used to preach that a church had to make apostles that would go out and increase God's kingdom that if this did not happen that the church would become a stagnant pool. Independent prayer groups or anyone else preaching is strongly frowned upon and treated as competition and I believe the pool has become stagnant. Those of you who are "attacking" Andy have obviously not made an attempt to leave the cult or you would see a very different Mr. Matthews and it is not pretty. Until you can look at a situation from both sides you really are speaking from an uninformed stand point.

That is how these WOF(Word of Faith) churches are as long as you are giving your hard earned money to this cause and that cause then you are on their good side and your considered family but once when you stop and finally wake up to the nonsense that they preach and truly study th bible for yourself and leave then they want to put curses on you and your family which is not right why would a Pastor want to curse people for leaving a church isn't this a free country and we can chose which church to attend without having to be cursed such a shame

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Kate *Chicago, IL* Feb 3, 2011 #163 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Judged: 1 1 1

Mindy, Andrew and Emily, my thoughts and prayers are with you. You made a hard choice but a Godly choice. NEVER let anyone tell you differently. God will ALWAYS expose what others intended to keep in the dark. You are all wise beyond your years. Take heart in the fact that the TRUTH has come out and will continue to do so. Stand firm on the word of God. Satan is quick to deceive those who are not firmly rooted in the word of God. The cowards who come against you, nameless in these posts, are just that....cowards. You have many rooting for you and for the truth. God is on your side and that is all that really matters. Go to your Heavenly Father with your heavy hearts. Rest in Him and take peace in what He has said.

I Chronicles 17:8-10

8 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name like the names of the greatest men on earth.

9 And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning

10 and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also subdue all your enemies.

Job 34:21-27 (NIV)

21 "His eyes are on the ways of mortals; he sees their every step.

22 There is no deep shadow, no utter darkness, where evildoers can hide.

23 God has no need to examine people further, that they should come before him for judgment.

24 Without inquiry he shatters the mighty and sets up others in their place.

25 Because he takes note of their deeds, he overthrows them in the night and they are crushed.

26 He punishes them for their wickedness where everyone can see them,

27 because they turned from following him and had no regard for any of his ways.

Much love,
Kate

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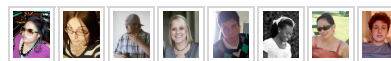
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Fresno, CA

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BEN: Ya man I remember you. In fact I think I remember the last time we shook hands was up front just by the office doors..LOL Dont ask me how I remember that..LOL..Ya I had heard u were working in Media doing my job. Its funny because when Bill came down to my office, he told me the church could no longer afford me....Next thing I know he hired you..It was actually an answer to prayer because as bad as I wanted to leave, I couldnt..Truth is, Bill new I knew too much. I saw how much money was coming in for radio and the tape ministry, and it was plenty to pay for all the airtime, yet I was getting constant calls from the stations wanting to know where their money was..Oh but he could make constant trips to Florida and Ohio and California..hmmm...Matter of fact like 2 years after I left I was getting calls at my home from radio stations wondering where their money was..so..ya it was going on after I left..Bill was wanting me to purchase MORE commercial time on radio and TV yet he was already behind on some of the bills. Oh there is more but I wont post it here..I sure dont know how u lasted 10 years there. There was one thing that happened during one of the services though and I asked Bill about it and he totally denied it..He quoted WORD FOR WORD something that Rod Parsely said the previous day on TV..I asked him if he had heard Rod say that and he totally denied it and said he must have been in the spirit with Rod....In the back of my mind I was thinking LIAR.....

Tommy Gust
United States

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Burn the heretic! Just kidding. Well, sort of, but whatever. Sorry I missed the court date guys, I forgot. Glad to see some old friends!

CAMPG
Monticello, MN

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PLEASE...
Keep the Sin and Sinner separate.
Hate the sin!
Pray for the sinner!
Let God be the only judge.
Let your heart break for yet another sinner who is lost, but can still be found.
I thank God for His forgiveness.

Rhea Beaudry
Elk River, MN

Feb 4, 2011 #167 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

yes, CampG...true word... ALL sin separates from the Savior, and breaks the heart of God. No one has gone so far away that he cannot be found by Him and transformed into the very likeness of Christ! God is at work here bringing hidden things to light. We must not interfere with His work or take on the role of judge....even when it is very difficult to leave it in God's hands, we MUST. He is fully able to redeem this situation for all who are involved. I am praying, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done right here in Elk River, in the Matthews family, in SRC...and in ME...as it is in Heaven..." Who will join me in that prayer?

Tim and Ann Myre
Minneapolis, MN

Feb 4, 2011 #168 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Finally the truth is coming out!!!
Andy, Mindy and Emily: We love and support you all the way. We feel absolutely terrible for what you've had to deal with because of bill's heinous acts. We pray for you often. Let us know if we can help you all in any way. It would be great to see you all sometime as well.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to ALL that have left Solid Rock Church (Thank you God!) and for those still involved, to see the truth about bill and his outrageous and illegal behaviors that have destroyed or are destroying too many great people and families, and to have strength to leave that cult.

Our decision to leave "Loose" Rock Church in 2007, was one of the best we've ever made and are doing way better because we left. We left for a handful of reasons...all are facts. We did not burn up in a fire or die for leaving that cult as bill would say would happen if you were to leave.

Soo glad this forum is up for all to see and share.

Tam747@gmail.com

Andrew
Hockley, TX

Feb 4, 2011 #169 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Tim and Ann,
Good to hear from you guys, lol, your post made me laugh, I'm so glad you guys are doing well. I always enjoyed your company. I'll have to send you an email when I get home so we can keep in touch.

@ chad, I took over after Ben was "fired" and I was there when that happened it was bogus, but like he said too, it was for the best. Anyway I had to deal with all those calls all the time as well. It would be interesting to find all the unpaid and past due bills he and src owe and then see how hr still justifies flying all over and staying in expensive hotels. Be just went to California for two weeks, but still has not paid for my moms funeral or given her a headstone, and big surprise, he took an offering for that too. Wow

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the author of money integrity and the move of god should maybe read his own book. Okay that may sound mean and negative but I just find it so sad and I think people have a right to know where there offerings are going (and not going)

Chad
Fresno, CA

Feb 4, 2011 #170 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

@Andrew And the sad sad thing is this didnt have to happen. That church had SO MUCH potential to do some mighty and great things. What a powerhouse it could have been..Its just so sad. I know bills werent being paid, checks bounced for other business's AND MINISTRIES, and the last year I was on staff, we were told where to go to cash our checks because some of the local banks wouldnt deal with SRC..YA, THATS A GREAT WITNESS TO THE COMMUNITY!

Love
Sartell, MN

Feb 5, 2011 #171 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

No wonder so many people in elk river hate src, it took me years to figure that out! What an embarrassment to the word.

Dean
Zimmerman, MN

Feb 5, 2011 #172 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Greetings to All!

Has anyone seen the promo ads on Channel 9 about Bill? They seem to run 15 minutes past every hour. They do not announce Bill name but say "watch the news story about a pastor who stole from mother-in-law and ends with marriage to his daughter-in-law". Short 10 second spots, advertising the main story on Monday at 9PM Channel 9 News. The ads started 10PM Channel 9 newscast Saturday night and have been running hourly since. So they will be on your TV set though Monday. Wow,with this TV coverage completed, this story may go national.

Nate
United States

Feb 5, 2011 #173 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

So much for preaching on being without sin his entire ministry career! Just remember a good sheep doesn't question the pastor, a good sheep says bah! Lol

C Love
Sartell, MN

Feb 5, 2011 #174 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

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There is a support group that may be starting up in the near future for any people who are struggling with issues of spiritual abuse. It will be held in maple grove not sure when yet depends on the number of people interested. If interested please post so can see if there are enough people to get together.

Nate
United States

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A support group may be something good for me, I have so many questions and concerns. I really should get back into a group of believers. I can be contacted at madenew@rocketmail.com. After all of this, I could use all the help I can get.

Stubby
Beulah, ND

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I don't think I would not attend myself, but maybe reunion would be a good idea. It is amazing to me that he has gotten away with so much for so long. Hopefully this can lead to more investigations into his personal finances as well as the church. I do not even know who the proper authorities would be on all this, state, county, IRS? It is hard to imagine that a congregation that numbers somewhere below 75 can keep the church afloat.

Andrew

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Go fox 9, I interviewed for it, it will be interesting to see how it comes out, I love fox 9, you should all send them an email thanking them for running the story.

Andrew

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I think it is ironic he has been saying for years he was going to have a t.v. ministry, now look hr will, and hr has commercials on about Jim and his church for free, one thing he didn't lie about.

Dazed and abused
Elk River, MN

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Barb King aka Dazed and abused. Bill used to preach that if you tried to hide sin in your life that first God would dig in your backyard, then your front yard and then He would

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knock your whole house down. It sounds like the rafters are starting to creak. It is about time the truth is starting to coming out. I hope more people that have FACTS choose to reveal them. Wes also spoke to channel 9, pray that all this is accurately reported.

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Andrew Feb 5, 2011 #180 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
I'm sure it will be, Jeff seems very honest and fair, he really wanted bill to talk to, but in classic form he seems to only speak behind closed doors in his pulpit. Good job wes and barb.

Dean Zimmerman, MN Feb 6, 2011 #181 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
Andrew
Hope you remember me. When you and sisters were in the SRC academy, I was a volunteer in the SRC school kitchen an also served as playground observer.
In school you wanted to know everything about communications, Radio, TV, etc. I had a hard time keeping up with your questions. I really enjoyed your questions about getting into the broadcasting field. Also, got a charge out of watching you every service in the radio booth with Chad wanting to get involved with recording etc. I am sure Chad remembers me. Anyway I am excited that you are in a related field today.
Andrew, wanted to clarify my previous comments about Fox 9. About those promo's promoting news story about Bill and SRC for Monday night at 9PM. I said they ran 15 minutes past the hour. But have discovered they can come on anytime during the hour. But, during the newscasts they run the SRC promo 17 minutes past the hour or it can come on 24 minutes past. If a person wants to catch these great promo's, set aside an hour or two during the daytime news, or evening news and wait for it!!
As I write this on Sunday morning, their 10 Am Newscast ended with a promo at 10:24 AM, an recently 11Am . There are two days left (Sunday and Monday) of promo's left, so watch Elk River history in the making take a look.
Andrew, Thank You for suggesting everyone, "Thank Fox 9" for running the story about Bill. The wife an I plan on contacting Fox 9 after the story airs and express our appreciation for the story, hope others do the same!

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Amazed Davenport, FL Feb 6, 2011 #182 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
Andy, Did Bill actually write a book about financial integrity??? Your mom must have been the ghost writer on that one! I doubt if he even knows what that is? Oh ya, it's just the opposite of everything he does??

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Rev Edward G Palmer
Elk River, MN

Feb 1, 2011

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Rhea Beaudry wrote:

I am referring to the paragraph "IT's time to come clean" at <http://www.james417.org/lorena.html> .

It ends with

"That is what I have done and what God expects you to do if you really are HIS child."

This appears to cast doubt on the salvation of anyone who does not actively and aggressively pursue justice in the Matthews matters. While I agree in principle with what you are saying I do wish to prevent more false guilt from heaping on the heads of those who already are carrying a huge load of it.

Don't take my statement out of context Rhea. The statement pertains to those who know the facts concerning the crimes or sins of this cult which should be made public now to prevent further harm to the families and children of Elk River.

As for "concerned" -- the only agenda I have is to promote God's Word. I will respond to the questions people have asked of me or add a comment where I have some useful input. I have not hidden from the SRC cult for the last 14 years and have no intention of hiding from this forum in spite of your suggestion that "i don't belong". Your statement sounds like something an SRC member might tell me. Unlike you, however, I am one of those who are willing to identify themselves. Therefore, I will respond as needed and where I can be helpful.

To those who have been "duped" -- which includes myself for 4 years, there is no shame in coming clean about what is known and/or about our experiences in this cult. Even if you've been duped the entire 18 years of Bill's ministry at SRC, it is NEVER too late to start afresh in this earthly life with God.

Circumstances do not make the man or woman. Instead, circumstances REVEAL the man or woman to him or herself. Ergo, those who truly walk with God will continue to

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draw near to HIM even after they realize they have been duped. Such spiritual abuse is not of God and like a married couple who gets into some difficulty, the choice is always to either draw closer to each other or to give up on each other.

Andy chose to draw closer to God even after ALL the crap he has had to endure and suffer at the hand of his own father. All true believers should follow Andy's example. This is what God would have us do. DRAW NEAR TO HIM and HE will draw near to you is what Scripture teaches us. Love CAN grow stronger through the trials of our life if we choose the path of love.

Bill Matthews has been substituted by many in his congregation OVER God and HIS Holy Word. This is idolatry. Even now, many people still look to Matthews for direction instead of God. Those who have done this need to repent, turn back to God and move on.

Everyone concerned with this cult is in my prayers. And, most of all, I pray for your freedom and peace. Especially that you would grow closer to God and not have your faith destroyed by a mere man called Bill Matthews.

Blessings,

Edward

PBJ
Monticello, MN

Feb 1, 2011

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Wow, how good is it to read all these postings. I think it can bring forth allot of healing for allot of people just by reading some of these post. About eight years ago I left this ministry and it took me over four years to heal from it after being on staff for ten years. But two years before I left God had started to open my eyes to what was really going on and started to work on my heart to leave. While praying for this situation God brought a dream back to my memory yesterday. It was about ten years ago and I can't remember the dream in its full but I do remember the important parts. What happen in the dream was all these men of God, that through the years became friends with the ministry, started one by one cutting off ties with SRC ministries. At the end of the dream I remember one summer day while Bill Matthews was in the sanctuary Dr. Ed Dufresne called up Bill Matthews on the phone and said, "I am sorry but our relationship is over.", and in the end Even Dr Dufresne cut all ties with Bill Matthews and Solid Rock Church. He was left with no one when it was all said and done. This dream disturbed me so much because I was 100% your wrong I am right, in support of SRC ministries. I was so disturbed that Bill Jr. who was my best friend at the time could tell and asked me what was up? I told Him I had a dream that I can't shake and it makes no sense? After telling Him, He said that was the devil trying to confuse me and to rebuke it. Being the brain washed supporter I was, I did. Two years later I left the church. I believe even up to ten years ago the destiny of this ministry was decided in the heavenly realms. Now I believe more than ever that this dream will come true. Not to wish anyone harm or hate, but you reap what you sow. And this ministry has allot of broken relationship among other things that are about to be harvested. It's a Biblical principle, they should know that by now? Right? I will be praying for your family tomorrow. God Bless.

Forever ex-src
Saint Charles, MO

Feb 2, 2011

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Wow Rev Edward G Palmer your posts are as long as a Bill Matthews sermon

Nate
Saint Paul, MN

Feb 2, 2011

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Any word on how the trial went?

Silent observer
Elk River, MN

Feb 2, 2011

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It wasn't a trial, just a first appearance. Bill was ordered to have no contact with Ardath, and the next date was set for May 9th. He was booked and fingerprinted, then released on his own recognizance. There were news cameras there trying to get a statement from him, but he didn't appear to answer any of their questions.

Rev Edward G Palmer
Elk River, MN

Feb 2, 2011

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Robin
North Branch, MN

Feb 2, 2011

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It sounds like special treatment to me. If it were any person off the street I believe they would have to go through the long, drawn-out booking process.

Aunt Judy

Feb 2, 2011

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I am so sad that this man has and continues to hurt and damage so many people. I am Mary Matthew's sister Judy. I feel I need to say in her defense that Mary would never have promoted or condoned this marriage { as has been intimated} I do know until the very end she was counseling her son Andrew to reconcile with his then wife Lorena! And how would that be possible if Bill Matthews couniled Lorena to divorce Andrew? Why in all the wide world out of all the women to choose from would this {Supposed Pastor} choose a daughter in law{ who was freshly divorced from his son} to marry? By this one decision Bill took any possibility of reconciliation away from his own son and daughter in law and totaly ruined the dynamics of his entire family! I'm sure God would not have told him to make such a damaging decision!! Who were these six children supposed to go to for council when his mentor { another supposed Pastor }approved of this union and married them? A real Pastor whom I respect has referred to this group of Fallen Pastors who either continue to sin or cover it and wink at it as "The Dirty Boys Club"!!Where are the Leaders who can discern right from wrong and stand for righteousness? Paul said in 2nd Corin. 6:3 " We put no obstruction in anybody's way. We give no offense in anything so that no fault may be found and our ministry blamed and discredited." It seems as though these "Pastor's for profit" care nothing about their lack of integrity but instead continue to Fleece their sheep causing a whirlwind of devastation and destruction in the lives they touch!! Mary loved all her children and would be so grieved at siblings not talking to one another. I love all my nieces and nephews and would like a relationship with them all. This man's behavior continues to cause division and strife and force people to choose sides. This is not of God. James 3:13-18 tells us if you have self seeking in your hearts that wisdom is earthly sensual and demonic! My sister would certainly have paid for her husbands funeral expenses and she would certainly have put a headstone on his grave! I am my mothers only advocate and I will continue to be there for her and any other family members that want my help. I am again so saddened by this Cultish behavior and implore those that are still there to get all available information about what's going on ,reach out to the children that have been cast aside there is surely another side to the story! your're hearing!

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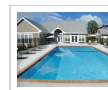
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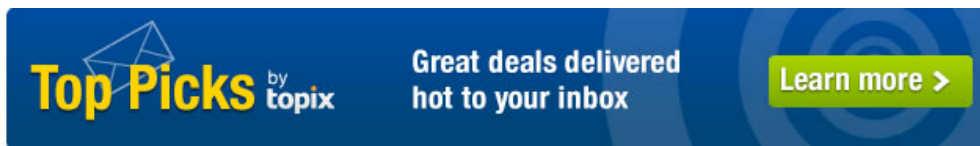
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Nate *United States* Feb 2, 2011 #150 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply >](#)

Thank you for the update. I too am deeply grieved for the strife and contention that bill has brought to his own family and to the families in the congregation, mine included. 10 years of marriage and 2 wonderful children torn apart "for the sake of the Gospel". My biggest concern right now though, is that my children are still under his council. How could they possibly understand what is right or wrong after what they have witnessed? Their mother and stepfather are "neck deep" in this and fully believe in and trust bills teaching and believe all this is spiritual. After Pastor Mary (God I miss her) moved on, bill said and Eddy agreed with him that she can not see what goes on in the natural, only what happens in the spiritual realm. Is it possible bill is diluted enough that he himself believes this?

I hope and pray that either bill has a real move of the spirit and gets right, corrects the path or steps out so there may be restoration for the church and congregation.

I had and still have love for this family, I truly hope for the best. Sorry for venting, I hope I have not offended any.

Chad *Fresno, CA* Feb 2, 2011 #151 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply >](#)

PBJ..Who are you? I was on staff from the time Bill became pastor until 1994??? Were u on staff then? and yes..CHAD is my real name....I was in charge of media and helped drive bus, and also hosted the concert outreaches... my email is cjthedj2002@yahoo.com if you want to respond privately..

Andrew Feb 2, 2011 #153 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply >](#)

P.s. fox 9 news has said they will air this story on Monday if anyone wants to watch.

Mindy *Elk River, MN* Feb 2, 2011 #154 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply >](#)

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Edward,

First of all, I would like to thank you for speaking out, for supporting us, for praying for us (and, by us, I mean not only my family, but also everyone else who needs to have their eyes open to what is actually going on at Solid Rock Church). Thank you for doing

what you have felt is the right thing for all these years, even when you didn't have much support, or when it might not have looked like there would be any justice. When I said earlier that my sister, brother and I had no affiliation with you, it was not to be harsh, but just to make sure the facts were out there. I also appreciate that you addressed the legal fund you set up for Andy, and that you were willing to do that in the first place. I understand that this has been a very big part of your life for a long time now, and I in no way want to tell you to be quiet now. However, I would like to say that I understand the fear and/or apprehension people feel in identifying themselves. I think this is a wonderful outlet for people who want to express how they feel, but are still too scared to name themselves. In fact, I encourage more people who may be reading this to say how you feel, or how this has affected you. Your fear is real, and valid. Don't do anything you are not comfortable doing. Please feel comfortable to express your feelings. The most important thing for everyone here is to be able to heal, and move on. There is something beautiful about all scars of whatever nature. A scar means the hurt is over, the wound is closed and healed, done with. It is our choice whether the scar is disfiguring, or just a reminder of what we have been through. Scars give us character, and if we choose, they can make us stronger.

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Hey Chad, PBJ here. I know you, and you know me. BJ stands for Ben Johnson P for Pastor, I am a youth pastor and that is kind a nick name my kids gave me. But I started on staff right as you left. In fact I took over your department. So in a way.... Thanks for the job for ten years, LOL. I did learn allot of good things over the years with my walk with God at SRC, But more after I left. Why all this is going on only God knows. But at the same time it is because of God and His judgment is just. To everyone who reads I was not bitter but very hurt. I was fired for wrong accusations and being tied into the ministry strong it broke me. But it was a good broke because God put me back together the right way. After about four years of mourning, again God came to me in a dream. I was at culvers in Elk River and Bill and Mary Matthews where at a table eating. It was about mid day and in the dream the spirit of God urged me to walk up to Bill, smile, shake His hand, and in a loving calm voice say, I forgive you. I woke up in tears and in the presence of God. But after that a complete healing took place in my life. Before if I saw the Matthews I walked the other way out of hurt, now when ever I bumped into them in town I would stop and (TRY) to talk and simply show that I cared for them. What happened? FORGIVENESS! Forgiveness is the act of excusing or pardoning another in spite of his slights, shortcomings, and errors. As a theological term, forgiveness refers to God's pardon of the sins of human beings. No longer did the SRC fear and condemnation toss my faith like a wave of the sea. Is it right what they are doing, by no means. But I had a revelation that Gods judgment was more authoritative and just than mine. Now I lived in Righteousness or at Right standing with God, and if Bill Matthews didn't I no longer cared. I knew that one day the lack of righteousness in His life would be only a matter of time before it bought judgment upon His own life. That day is coming soon. If there is anything I can do to help I will. Not out of hate for the ministry but out of love for the victims who fall by the way side. God Bless!

Rev Edward G Palmer
Elk River, MN

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I agree with you Mindy and especially ...
 "Don't do anything you are not comfortable doing. Please feel comfortable to express your feelings. The most important thing for everyone here is to be able to heal, and move on."

true believer
Sauk Rapids, MN

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Andrew wrote:
I am the son that was married to Lorena and I will never hide from my accusers or talk behind someone's back, I would be more than happy to have a one on one public discussion of any events that transpired! I can assure you there has been zero illegal drug use for 13 years, and there was never physical abuse toward Lorena, the bible says the devil is the accuser of the brethren. I know God and I know he is in control. Although I am sad half my family will no longer speak with me, I know God can turn it around for good. I am not bitter or mad, but I look forward to the day truth is revealed. No man is perfect only God, but a real man can stand up and admit his wrongs and accept the consequences, a coward will hide and lie and deceive and cover up to the end!

Andrew you are a true believer, after all the pain and suffering, not to mention humiliation your father and ex wife have caused you, you are not mad. I knew your mom from the time she was 3 years old and she is looking down at you and is very proud...I pray your siblings will one day all hug again.

true believer

Feb 3, 2011 #158 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Sauk Rapids, MN

How can a father marry his daughter in law, let his children split from one another and not encourage them to love one another? How can he believe he is a man of God? What a fake, phoney, good for absolutely nothing. Mary I hope that you can send your spirit into your childrens heart and get them to see that they need each other. You have a wonderful sister that is there to help all of them...My heart breaks for Mary's children...This is not what she would have wanted to see. Shame on you Bill Matthews, shame on you for destroying something so beautiful as the bond your children once had. You have always been full of yourself and I see that nothing has ever changed. I do hope you are run out of town and put as far away as they can with you...Someday they will see the light.

Aunt Judy
 Davenport, FL

Feb 3, 2011

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Scripture bears out why the " Pastors For Profit " will not see the miraculous operating in their church as they expect. Hebrews 12: 14 says " without Holiness noone will see the Lord" In other words if we do not do things God's way, it will be impossible for us to discern what God is doing or saying. That situation grieves the Holy Spirit! Just as when we GRIEVE SOMEONE AT OUR HOME, THEY ARE LIKELY TO LEAVE, SO DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT. That is why Holiness is the cornerstone of the miraculous. 2nd Corin. 16:9 Compassion is a powerful spiritual force that unlocks the miraculous. Love is always the nature and expression of God and compassion it's motivation. In Matthew 5:6 it says ---those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be filled! Righteousness is simply " What is right in Gods eyes." Those who hunger and thirst will be filled. Filled with what? They will be filled with WHAT IS RIGHT IN GOD'S EYES! This apparently is what is so tragically missing in the Pastors who seek only for what gratify's their flesh and brings attention and recognition to their ministry! I am so grieved by all the postings of people who have been subjected to " Pastors For Profit" and their selfish ambitions!! Please know that in God's eyes you are very precious and their is a place of healing for you. Even so Lord, let your presence be established in the earth.

Aunt Judy
 Davenport, FL

Feb 3, 2011

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Sorry corretion The scrip reference is 2nd Chronicles 16:9 {not Corin} "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are blameless towards Him."

Candy Berquist
 United States

Feb 3, 2011

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Gone From My Sight
 by Henry Van Dyke

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side,
 spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts
 for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.
 I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck
 of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone"

Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast,
 hull and spar as she was when she left my side.
 And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.
 And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone,"
 there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices
 ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...

This poem is how I think of Pastor Mary Matthews leaving.... with much love she left us, carrying her love (for her children, family, friends, congregation, and all her mission/revival/crusade families and individuals), to Her First Love, Jesus Christ. Our faithful prayer warrior continues her intercession..... Lord, please hug Pastor Mary and relay our love and gratefulness to her. Thank-You for putting her in our lives for the time you shared her with us. Father, please surround each of her children with your Love and Peace, comfort them in their great aches of missing their Mom's touch and voice. Thank-YOU for your Love that passes all understanding....

Candy Berquist

Feb 3, 2011

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United States

PBJ wrote:

Hey Chad, PBJ here. I know you, and you know me. BJ stands for Ben Johnson P for Pastor, I am a youth pastor and that is kind a nick name my kids gave me. But I started on staff right as you left. In fact I took over your department. So in a way.... Thanks for the job for ten years, LOL. I did learn allot of good things over the years with my walk with God at SRC, But more after I left. Why all this is going on only God knows. But at the same time it is because of God and His judgment is just. To everyone who reads I was not bitter but very hurt. I was fired for wrong accusations and being tied into the ministry strong it broke me. But it was a good broke because God put me back together the right way. After about four years of mourning, again God came to me in a dream. I was at culvers in Elk River and Bill and Mary Matthews where at a table eating. It was about mid day and in the dream the spirit of God urged me to walk up to Bill, smile, shake His hand, and in a loving calm voice say, I forgive you. I woke up in tears and in the presence of God. But after that a complete healing took place in my life. Before if I saw the Matthews I walked the other way out of hurt, now when ever I bumped into them in town I would stop and (TRY) to talk and simply show that I cared for them. What happened? FORGIVENESS! Forgiveness is the act of excusing or pardoning another in spite of his slights, shortcomings, and errors. As a theological term, forgiveness refers to God's pardon of the sins of human beings. No longer did the SRC fear and condemnation toss my faith like a wave of the sea. Is it right what they are doing, by no means. But I had a revelation that Gods judgment was more authoritative and just than mine. Now I lived in Righteousness or at Right standing with God, and if Bill Matthews didn't I no longer cared. I knew that one day the lack of righteousness in His life would be only a matter of time before it bought judgment upon His own life. That day is coming soon. If there is anything I can do to help I will. Not out of hate for the ministry but out of love for the victims who fall by the way side. God Bless!

Ben, it brings healing to my heart to read this!!! This was my first revelation from the Spirit of God when I was 17. I hated my step-mother for how she mistreated and abused my father, my brother and I. At my first foster-mom's church: Kenosha Bible church, Pastor Matejka encouraged those of us who knew that we hated somebody and did not know HOW we could forgive that somebody. He simply asked us to confess our hatred for that somebody to Heavenly Father, to ask the Lord to come into our heart (and into that hatred); ask the Lord to forgive that somebody THROUGH us for us. In other words, we knew we didn't have the knowledge, ability, or desire to forgive but allowed God's Spirit to move through us (as a vessel) to forgive that somebody that we hated. I responded immediately to this message, opened my heart to HIM to forgive my step-mother through me and for me. I HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT-I had no idea how FULL OF GOD'S LOVE I would be FILLED with. IT CHANGED MY LIFE FOREVER. "He who has been forgiven much, loveth much." I loveth much!!!!

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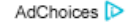
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Andrew
Bonner Springs, KS

Jan 29, 2011

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Some of the blame has to rest on ed dufresne and the other self proclaimed leaders and prophets that knew of his decision and supported it, ed had a meeting with the whole family and sat there and watched it tear us to pieces and never even cared, even when I called him and asked for a one on one meeting to talk to him about this he would not even call me back. Again, if nothing wrong was done why hide? Why turn off live stream on your internet sites? And when is enough, enough.

Matthew
United States

Jan 29, 2011

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Though a jury of his peers can judge him on Earth, we all know when Bill Sr. stands before God, he will receive his final judgment as we all will. I hope he has the change of heart to try and make right what he did wrong. Confession and begging for forgiveness from those he has lied, cheated, and stolen from. I think his family should be the where he begins. If he is unwilling to see the error of his ways and repent before God and man, I hope to be standing nearby when God sends him straight into the pit of Hell to burn for all eternity. I can only hope the three siblings that saw the truth are able to pull their siblings back from the edge of joining their father in Hell. I remember you all as good kids, I know the past 20 years has been long and hard for you. I pray some good can come out of this. Andy, he seems to have done you the most harm. Just keep in mind it is the Devil guiding his path, and blinding the rest of your family. Stand firm but stay humble in the eyes of God. My prayers are with you, Mindy, and Emily. I hope he gets what is coming to him and you and your sister's lives makes a change for the better.

Sarah
Portland, OR

Jan 29, 2011

#124 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

This latest accusation is icing on the cake when you take YEARS (15+) of unethical, bizarre, brazen, hurtful, dishonest and misleading behavior/actions displayed by Bill Matthews Sr. Anyone who would wholly defend his actions, or drudge up dirt

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surrounding others involved in the cyclone he's created in an attempt to take the spotlight away from him or in some sick way of blaming the victim, or accuse those who are questioning or finding fault in his actions now (True Believer), is either involved in the mess, or has no knowledge of accurate history with Matthews or with Solid Rock. I think both stances are wrong. Truth is, none of this surprises me, and nothing I comment on or post as far as my own opinion is concerned will change anything. Over the years I've had the painful but valuable and enlightning lesson of learning to forgive, moving past hurts I've been harboring, realizing that God is bigger than ALL of this, that God can be separated from some of the horrible examples of "Christianity" I've seen over the years... that what I've seen in some of Matthews' actions and other people of authority in the Church hasn't been God at all. I'm far from perfect. I need God's grace every day. I'm thankful that vengeance is HIS, and that now - in the midst of this latest of tragedies - I can take a deep breath, stand back and watch the cards fall, holding confidence that justice will see its day. My heart goes out to Matthews' family - sibilings ripped apart and estranged because they've been made to feel like they have to pick sides. Sad - just further indication that our world can be dark and that people can make really, really awful decisions. My best to Mindy and Andy... and hoping resolution comes sooner than later. <3

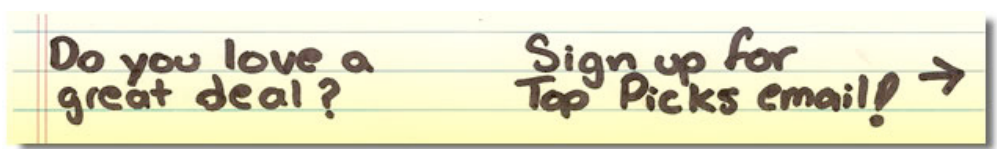
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And love to Emily too. <3

Victim374 Nate
United States
Jan 30, 2011 #126 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »
If I remeber correctly from my reading, isn't blaspheme against the word the one sin that is not forgiven? He married my wife to my best friend after telling me it was against the word! I guess I had it comming considering I stopped giving and started asking questions. What a mess!!

finally free
United States
Jan 30, 2011 #127 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »
I have tried searches, found nothing. Since Wacco, Jonestown, all these other cults that have hurt so many. Why is there not some form of group / agency that can police situations. I understand the freedom of religion, but if families are in danger shouldn't there be some type of help or protection? Why is it only illegal to take advantage of volunerable adults?

indiscretion
Keller, TX
Jan 30, 2011 #128 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »
@ finally free, good point, freedom of religion is one thing, but when all kinds of illegal things go on at these places including tax evasion, miss use of non profit exemption, co mingling of funds, purposely writing checks that will bounce and more it seems legal agencies should look into it more. Bottom line these churches are independent and run by boards (usually the pastors good friends who are doing the same thing) so unless they hold a high standard the pastor and church most likely will not. I guess we all need to check the credibility of the pastor and board members before we go to a church. Wolves in sheep's clothing for sure. Keep in mind Bill got kicked out of the assembly of god and afcm, surprising how people will blindly follow a man that tells them what they want to hear. You never really know what other investigations and charges this may open up though, one thing seems certain, solid rock will once again pay for a \$20,000 attorney for their pastor just like they did last time he was in court. Congratulations Solid Rock Church for showing us all how to be like Jesus!(not)

Rev Edward G Palmer
Elk River, MN
Jan 31, 2011 #129 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »
Some background facts concerning Bill's marriage to Lorena are at this link
<http://www.james417.org/lorena.html>



Rev Edward G Palmer
Elk River, MN
Jan 31, 2011 #130 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »
RE: Mindy's concern about the Legal fund I set up for Andy and Natalia.
A donation can be made by clicking the donate button at this link
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There is currently only \$40.00 in this fund as of this date. It is the total amount that has been donated and it is available to Andy at anytime. Send me your PayPal email address Andy and I will send the funds to you via PayPal to you. That would be the easiest way to convey the donations.

I put the first \$20 donation in. A donor who wishes to remain anonymous put the second \$20 in.

At the time of Lorena's marriage to Bill, my ministry released an email to over 30,000 media sources and the information was also provided to the StarTribune. Bill Matthews was interviewed by a StarTribune reporter, but no story ever became of this. Ergo, no exposure and no donations.

After many months, the James417 front page was redone, but the DONATION FOR LEGAL FUNDS method is still available on several other pages.

The reason I set this FUND up is to provide a method of maintaining the privacy of the names of the donors. KNOWING, that a lawsuit from Bill might try to extract them.

I would ask everyone to fully identify themselves in this and other forums. In other words to stand tall for the TRUTH. This is God's expectation for those who are righteous. Having said that, I do get it. Many people are scared to death of William Neal Matthews tactics. He is known my many to have run families out of town and to have also destroyed many lives.

Ultimately, THAT is the reason I established this mechanism for Andy and Natalia to get assistance.

Andy, IF there is another mechanism you have set up for help with the legal fees, let me know and I will forward the people who surf the James417 site to that mechanism if you'd like.

IF there is no other mechanism, the let everyone know here that they can make a donation to help you.

Clicking the link to make a donation makes it clear that the Funds are going to Apostle Ministry, Inc. for the purpose of 'Andy and Natalia's Legal Fund'.

Thus, it is easy to demonstrate from PayPal's records the total amount of funds collected (\$40 to date) along with the total amount of disbursements to date (\$0). There are NO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

This FUND was created to assist Andy in obtaining custody of his daughter Natalia.

What should have been a news story is STILL not a news story. The media is not comfortable talking about God in any form. I might add, the media has helped prolong the misery of the people in this church as the information on Bill has been available for years.

Mike Hatch gutted the civil enforcement division of the Minnesota Attorney General's Office. They were responsible for dealing with non profit corporate fraud. Even though I gave them all the facts on the method of theft, which was conversion, I was left alone. I took Matthews to court, but was no match for his hired attorneys. Yet, this is not something I regret.

So, the evil that could have been dealt with over 12 years ago, has been left to fester by the lack of righteousness in the media and in government. That's my rant for this forum.

Now back to helping Andy and Natalia. WHY NOT spread the word and ask everyone who knows Andy to pitch in and donate \$20 into the fundd to help him?

I will leave this funding mechanism in place until Andy tells me to shut it down.

EVERYONE WHO DONATES CAN BE ASSURED THEIR NAME WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC.

So now Andy, let us know what you need those who love and care about you and Natalia to do.

Blessings to all who love God and HIS Truth and who will fight against the evil that is in the Church.

Edward

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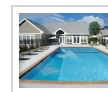
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Barbara
Sierra Vista, AZ

Jan 31, 2011

#131 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

You go Andy! I'm in your corner. How is Auntie Ardath doing?

Barbara
Sierra Vista, AZ

Jan 31, 2011

#132 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Freewoman: Look into your heart and fight for your freedom. You're not free.

Freewoman wrote:
<quoted text>

I came upon this post in a google search. After reading the various postings I have to applaud Lorena. It is blatantly obvious that Andrew is still obsessed with her and is using this opportunity as a pitiful attempt to try and get her back. He reminds me of my ex husband. The classic male chauvinistic pig. One who bullies and controls emotionally and verbally. Feel free to give yourself an award for no physical abuse Andrew, how caring you must be. Is this all any woman has to look forward to in a relationship with you? You probably even let her sit at the table when you ate didn't you. How about the distinction with "illegal drugs?" The statistical average on drug abuse is much higher with prescription drugs anyways. Just because they are legal doesn't make it right to abuse them. There are many more ways people can be abused than just physically. It took me many years of counseling and support to be able to get out from under the control and abuse my ex put me through. I was afraid to make my own choices for fear of what he would say or do to me. Now I can be my own person and not be controlled. Its clear to see this whole thing is based on Andrews jealousy and fueled by his rage. The final cling and hold he had on Lorena has slipped away and he can't stand it. Lorena, take it from me, you haven't made the wrong decision to leave this loser. Stand strong, be your own woman you not only saved yourself but also your daughter.

Rhea Beaudry
Elk River, MN

Feb 1, 2011

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Edward...of course people are reluctant and frightened...and while I appreciate your zeal, I do not feel it is appropriate to tell already wounded people that they are a failure (or worse, in cooperation with the abuser and equally responsible with him) if they don't shout about this from the rooftops. God calls some to the front lines, some to the prayer closet, and some to the "bedside" to minister to the wounded. Grace is the God-given power to do what GOD has called me to do, and be what GOD has called me to be.

Rev Edward G Palmer
Elk River, MN

Feb 1, 2011

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RE: Rhea on God's calling.

I don't believe I have ever called wounded people a failure for not "shouting about this from the rooftops." If I did, please point out where that statement is located.

God calls every born again believer unto righteousness. Hiding the truth about Bill for almost two decades has caused many more families to suffer needlessly. This would include the satanic teaching "to let God take care of it by keeping silent." Hello, God uses HIS people. If HIS people won't stand up for the truth, evil continues to prosper. This is what has taken place at the Elk River Assembly of God Church. God's people have refused to confront Bill's evil for a variety of reasons. You are right. There are different callings, but standing up for God and HIS truth does not require a calling. It simply requires you to be filled with the "Spirit of Truth." NO TRUTH [RIGHTEOUSNESS], NO SALVATION in my humble opinion as a servant of God.

STILL - I GET IT that many people are very fearful. Even to simply identify themselves. However, I would encourage those who do know something to fully identify themselves and share what they know as truth. To those who can accept Jesus' teaching to not fear man, but "to fear HIM who can kill body and soul" -- IT IS TIME TO stand up for righteousness. To simply tell the truth and refuse to hide it.

It's time to tell what you know and that only requires that you stand up for truth. It does not require a calling to simply tell the truth. There is nothing to fear from Bill. And, Jesus said our righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and pharisees [church leaders]. IF we hide the evil facts we know, do we not actually participate in that evil? Are we not causing a brother or sister to stumble by our silence? Did Jesus not warn us about doing this? Could it be these are the Christians Jesus rejects in Matthew 7:21-23? Something to think about ...

True believers do not have any say about whether they will stand for truth. It is a simple fact that God expects you to regardless of the earthly consequences. And, I fully believe that those who are wounded and now suffer will not find God's peace until they do get it off their chest, so to speak. It doesn't have to be in this forum. They can share with someone they know. However, if the information being kept out of the public eye will cause another to sin -- then it is better to share in this or some other forum. Even if that is sharing anonymous, it is better than keeping such information totally secret.

There is another forum with comments about Solid Rock Church from a member who grew up in the church. This is a link to the Micah site.

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Rhea Beaudry
Elk River, MN

Feb 1, 2011

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I am referring to the paragraph "IT's time to come clean" at <http://www.james417.org/lorena.html> .
It ends with

"That is what I have done and what God expects you to do if you really are HIS child."

This appears to cast doubt on the salvation of anyone who does not actively and aggressively pursue justice in the Matthews matters. While I agree in principle with what you are saying I do wish to prevent more false guilt from heaping on the heads of those who already are carrying a huge load of it.

Concerned
United States

Feb 1, 2011

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Thank you Rhea B. for your posting. I totally agree with you, it is a personal decision for any of us to willingly expose who we are and I strongly disagree with mr. palmer and his postings. I personally feel violated by him simply because until now I have felt like there has been no where to go to share my experiences safely. Mr. palmer forgive me for being so intense with this but you have your own web sites i really wish you would keep your agenda there and let the rest of us find our way. It feels to me that you are capitalizing on this site for the wrong reasons. You have said your peace, told us where to find your information, how about just leave it at that.

Concerned
United States

Feb 1, 2011

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And by the way no one is hiding facts! This is not a web site to give you all the information you are looking for you have missed the point. This site is to support the children who have stood up for righteousness, and the many others who are able to share their experiences. Its not for you and your agenda, im sorry.

someone

Feb 1, 2011

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I am an ex-member of src (lower case intentional), and I left because I could tell "Pastor" Matthews was full of crap. But not only am I an ex-member, I'm an ex-christian. And the reason for that is because I believe that things like what's going on with this entire situation are inherent to the religion. I'm not saying that there are bad people who exploit Christianity to their advantage, I'm saying that the Judaeo-Christian system itself is a breeding ground for these types of things to happen. It's just too easy for people to dupe and be duped. I know that's probably not appreciated by a lot of people on this blog but I just had to say it. I'm not about to throw the baby out with the bath water though. There are many things that I still adhere to that are in the Bible. And there is one thing that I can think of that helps me make sense of this situation. Paul subjected himself to public scrutiny in, of all things, matters of money. I don't remember what book it's in but he asked the church he was writing to if he had ever collected money while ministering to them. I believe the answer is in the negative. This scripture is a nice segue between offerings (which Pastor Matthews is consumed with) and caring what people think of you. I think it's safe to say that Pastor Matthews could care less what people think of him. He has offended what is considered to be acceptable social conduct, and casts out anyone who might disagree with him in some kind of smoke and mirrors attempt at covering up the fact that people would willingly cast themselves out of the presence of such a man. Now he has been charged with offending acceptable legal conduct. Maybe it was just a matter of time given his history.

Andy, my heart goes out to you and your family, all of your family. Your dad must be a very lonely man, and what's worse is that he probably doesn't even realize it. From the extreme outside perspective that I have it seems that everything started to unravel for him when your mom got sick. That seems to makes sense, because your mom was a rock. I had great respect for her. I learned one of the greatest truths that I know from her. She said that we should hold this life with an open hand and not a clenched fist. There is a lot of meaning in that, and based on what you've written in this blog you seem like an open hand kind of guy. I hope your dad finds his way back to you.

Finally
Beulah, ND

Feb 1, 2011

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I have also become and Ex-Christian. If anyone is interested there is a website for us ex-Christians. <http://new.exchristian.net/> I have my reasons and do not want to turn this into a place to debate. There is a book called: the subtle power of spiritual abuse That is a good resource. Or, do an internet search for spiritual abuse. We may have felt alone at the time we left, but we are not alone in suffering from this manipulation and control. My best wishes to everyone.

Andrew
Canton, TX

Feb 1, 2011

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I'm at a military training school until Feb.14 right now so I don't have much time to post but thank you all for being so open with what's going on, named or anonymous. Even those that are for Bill, its pretty obvious how they talk they are very hurt by him and they may not even realize it. It never hurts to hear both sides, in the end we are responsible for our own decisions and how they will affect our own families.

@ ex Christian I am the last to judge or anything trust me, I have many friends that most churches wouldn't let in there door, and I am not ashamed of that, I agree fully there is to much spiritual abuse, I am saddened that a church and a person can destroy someone's personal relationship with God and Jesus, and trust me my own father nearly destroyed mine, I would encourage you to keep an open and keep seeking after what is real, I'm sure that's not advice most would give and mine may not mean much, but its just my opinion and what I've done. And the more I look back the more I see where His has helped and protected me and ultimately I still believe I am who I am because of him, and I am for the most part happy in life for the first time in years. I honestly appreciate this blog, its nice to see people care.

Andrew
Canton, TX

Feb 1, 2011

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P.s. his initial hearing is tomorrow, wed, at like 8 or 830 am, I won't be able to make it to this one due to training, but its open so all are invited to attend.

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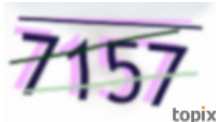
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United States
 Feb 14, 2011 #283 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
 @ Dreyer: Thanks ur sweet.

Rita
Elk River, MN
 Feb 14, 2011 #284 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

C Love wrote:
 Today is kind of a low day. It seems so hard to keep any focus. Like what the heck is this all about anyway? I thought we were here to win souls? I thought we were here to help others, and be a blessing? Im not even sure if God is with us anymore? What good is it to pray if nothing changes? If lives are still lost, physically as well as spiritually? Im not even sure what parts of the word are true and which were a minipulation? How in the world can i be a witness to anyone when I don't even know what i thought i knew? I feel like i'm holding my breath hoping Jesus will return soon so I can get out of here. Its such a mess.....

I have had a low day today as well. I have questioned all day why I feel so much pain now, when I have been doing so well for over a year, since I left SRC. Today I kept grieving for the "church family" that is still left behind -- even though they turned their backs on us when we left SRC, they are still part of God's church. Yesterday someone told me that they think Bill is their God -- and it made me angry. I know that the people at SRC really do love God and know that He's not named Bill. The pain I feel is mostly for THEM as I intercede in prayer. Labor pains.

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Miss Love, we know that our prayers DO work. Some of the members have already left, like Dreyer! It wasn't easy for any of us to leave, and for some, it seems impossible. But, with God, nothing is impossible. So we keep praying... for as long as we have to.

Rita
Elk River, MN
 Feb 15, 2011 #285 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

As I was getting ready for work this morning, I kept thinking "the Truth will set you free." Then I realized I was supposed to be saying "the Truth will set them free." Unfortunately, they have been told to not listen to the people who have left the church, so they are not hearing the truth. I need to pray about when to speak out and when to just pray.

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Dreyer Feb 15, 2011 #286 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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Chad Feb 15, 2011 #287 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
Bentonville, AR

Any Response? I sent 2 emails of THANKS to Ch.9 and hadnt heard from them. Also sent a link to the [video](#) to Dufresne and didnt hear back(Not that I expected to). Just wondered if anyone else got any kind of response?

C Love Feb 15, 2011 #288 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
Sartell, MN

@ Dreyer: well u must be special I never got a disassociation letter in any form! What did it say?(just curious)
 @ Chad: I too sent an email thanking channel 9 news and telling alittle of my story, as well as encouraging them to continue to follow up but have heard nothing? I believe others have also sent in thank you's.
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Rita Feb 15, 2011 #289 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
Pequot Lakes, MN

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I agree with you. I no longer believe that you can have whatever you say either and didn't mean to imply that. But I do believe the truth will set us free, including the captives at SRC. And God was simply reminding me to keep them in my focus.

Nate Feb 15, 2011 #290 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
Saint Paul, MN

I have no choice but to pray, my kids are there. I can not give up on them. I too lost the have whatever you say thing a long time ago, no matter how much it lined up with the word, just didn't happen. The exact oppisite happened. O-well, leason learned. Can't go against somebody elses free will, it's up to them, not God.

Susie Feb 15, 2011 #291 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
Los Angeles, CA

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I'm very glad that you sent the link to the video to dufresne he needs to see it since he promoted this man

Susie Feb 15, 2011 #292 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
Los Angeles, CA

Nate wrote:
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What I don't understand is how does this having what you say happens for the [Pastors](#) that are promoting this false doctrine but not for the people God is no respecter of persons

Stubby Feb 15, 2011 #293 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
Beulah, ND

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United States

@Susie, their followers usually make it happen for them. For instance, have you ever saw a "pastor" stand up and hold up 10 envelopes and say "God told me there's 10 people here tonight that need to give \$500"? We give and give believing for a harvest. I know my mortgage was never paid by anything other than my check book, no matter how much was given.

Nate Feb 15, 2011 #295 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

United States

@Stubby, depending on the outcome of bills second appearance at court, ed may be by himself! Pray for the church, pray for the people, God knows our soul, in the end this will all get straightened out. He will know me :)

Susie Feb 15, 2011 #296 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Los Angeles, CA

Stubby wrote: According to Ed's website, he is scheduled to be at src Mar 20-21.

He's going there for what reason to try and help this man to rebuild a church that he tore down with his own hands shameful

Susie Feb 15, 2011 #297 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Los Angeles, CA

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Yes I have seen that happen many of times when I was at the Rojas church it's a Shane that Pastor's fleece the flock and tell lies to the flock for the benefit of themselves not giving a hoot for their members this gas got to stop

Stubby Feb 15, 2011 #298 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Beulah, ND

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The prosperity gospel/word of faith movement, in my opinion, is the modern day version of the money changers in the temple. They are selling God's blessing and access to God.

PBJ Feb 15, 2011 #299 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

United States

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Just keep on hanging in there and pray for the ones that hate you. it took me over five years before I recieved complete healling.

PBJ Feb 15, 2011 #300 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

United States

Dreyer wrote: I got my first disassociation email yesterday. How are we to be the body of christ and walk in love when the minute you decide to go to a different church they x you out completely. I thought this was to be the body of christ and not just the church of christ. Is that what christ wants for his last days church? ummm NO, he is coming back for his church(meaning the whole body not just one church in itself) without spot or wrinkle, for people who will show the true meaning of walking in love and excepting people for who they are and that doesn't mean it will be perfect because no one is. It means those who have a true heart and desire to worship and praise God and to tell others of him. I pray that those still there will see what's going on and keep their hearts on God and not on anyone or anything else and come to see the real truth of what's going on. LOOK IN THE WORD and read for yourself what's happening. I know I did.

C. Dreyer, when did you leave the church? and if you think it is sad that they would do that? Did Jesus ack that way? did he force anyone one to go to anyone church? all this should be an eye opener for them BUT YET THEY ARE SO BLIND! makes me wonder what it will take?

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Aries Don't be rigid or unwilling to face up to new possibilities. Today is a very fortunate day for you Rams, extending the energy of the New Moon, so try taking a risk, even if only in offering a new idea in conversations. Experimental Uranus is working for you too. It's a great day to tackle old problems, because you'll find new solutions. Things that have got stuck and you haven't been able to sort out, all of a sudden you think, 'That's the answer'. So there should be a

Nate wrote:

@Susie, their followers usually make it happen for them. For instance, have you ever saw a "pastor" stand up and hold up 10 envelopes and say "God told me there's 10 people here tonight that need to give \$500"? We give and give believing for a harvest.

I know my mortgage was never paid by anything other than my check book, no matter how much was given.

I agree, I believe that God wants us to be blessed. but what did He really die on the cross for? the redemption of our sins or our wallet. The Bible says to go into all the world and preach the gospel. That is the forgiveness of sins through the redeeming blood shed on the cross through a perfect sacrifice, thats it! nothing eals. Healling, baptism in the spirit, prophecy, being blessed... thats all doctrines, not THE GOSPEL! we should not preach only money, write praise and worship songs about money. this is walking a fine line of the love of money, wich leads to all evil. we need to preach salvation. both OT and NT give examples about this. Jeremiah found money changers in the temple making a prophet and the Bible said He kicked them out. Even Jesus was recorded for the first time to have Holy anger when they did the same thing in the NT. The Bible said He over turned the tables and yelled at the money changers.

Matt 21:12-13 (Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-48; John 2:13-22)

Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

NKJV

We need to preach the gospel and TEACH the doctrines. if the oder gets mixed up then we are in error.

release of tension. What a relief.

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Chad
Bentonville, AR

Feb 16, 2011

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@Stubby and @Nate..Ya I saw Ed is gonna be there in March...Oh [Brother](#) is all I can say besides HAAAA, HOHOHO, HEHEHE..

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 Feb 12, 2011 #263 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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knew and loved your mama wrote:
 Who funded Pastor B M's make over? He looked a lot different on the news segment than he has looked for years! Anyone else? Do you see the difference?

I know the person who does his hair, and last I heard he was spending about \$300 a month on it. That might be hard to sustain in his current situation.

knew and loved your mama
 Since: Feb 11 4
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 Feb 12, 2011 #264 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Hi Mindy, Yeah looks like he is using that spray-on hair stuff. Would hate to see his pillow in the morning?

Mindy
 Elk River, MN
 Feb 13, 2011 #265 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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knew and loved your mama wrote:
 Hi Mindy, Yeah looks like he is using that spray-on hair stuff. Would hate to see his pillow in the morning?

Ha ha. I think it is real haircolor. It's funny how many commented on his hair after seeing the news, though. Too bad for him that he lost his good hairstylist (me)!

knew and loved your mama
 Since: Feb 11 4
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 Feb 13, 2011 #266 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

@Mindy. So true! In my experience, a good stylist is harder to find than a good doctor. This is Lisa, Molly, Amy, and Tarah's mom. Your Mom was my good friend since I was fifteen and she was nineteen.

Dreyer
 Feb 13, 2011 #267 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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Mindy
Elk River, MN
Feb 13, 2011 #268 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

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Hi Lisa! It's very nice to hear from you! It has been so long! I'm sure all this is very bizarre for you to hear. I know Bud and my dad were best friends for a long time.

Nate
United States
Feb 13, 2011 #269 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

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The only way for no one else to get hurt would be for solid rock to be CLOSED. I do not wish ill on anyone, but it's time for the end of that cult. It will be a very long time for me to trust enough to allow anything into my heart after what that ministry has done to not just me, but also my family.

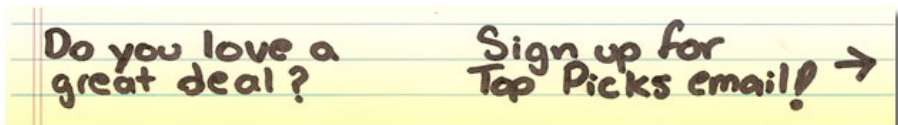
The loss of my house, my wife, my kids, my friends, my life savings, my faith, all of this has been taken without remorse. 2 years it has been and I still don't sleep well. I fear my children growing up believing that it's okay to marry relatives, cut off family and friends, steal from people. This is just horrible.

I am so happy to see families make it out intact, that is rare.

Rita
Elk River, MN
Feb 13, 2011 #270 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

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Dreyer, God bless you and your family! I am standing with you too. Feel free to email me at rita.berryman@charter.net if you feel disillusioned or shunned. Trust me, I know those feelings. I don't want to post my phone number, but I would like to talk to you. Stay strong and stay close to God. He is so proud of you for taking a stand and getting out!! There is a better life for you after SRC. Remember that, with God, there is no condemnation. I know how much you love God and praise Him. Enjoy the freedom--you are free indeed! I am praying for those still at SRC too, that they open their eyes. I trust that your sweet children are doing well--I bet they have grown a lot since I saw them!



Nate
United States
Feb 13, 2011 #271 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

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Sorry for that, I seem to have the strongest feelings about this on Sundays. It is truly a blessing that God can forgive us of our sins, hopefully someday I too can forgive. For me, the nightmares are of past events. For the family, it continues. You all are in my prayers, and if ever there is anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask.

PBJ
United States
Feb 13, 2011 #272 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Chris wrote:
@PBJ. My wife and I quit FB two years ago so that's out. Email me plqn03@gmail.com.

wise choice, I want to but I take to many picture and am to addicted

PBJ
United States
Feb 13, 2011 #273 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Dreyer wrote:
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WOW! AMEN! I was so praying for you guys, tell Jason Ben said Hi.

Dreyer
Feb 14, 2011 #274 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Rita wrote:

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Hi Rita--We are so great full to be free, I can feel my spirit fly it's like letting a bird out of a cage. Yes the kids are getting big if you are on FB look me up and I will definately email you. You are such a sweet women and we have missed you much.

Dreyer Feb 14, 2011 #275 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

PBJ wrote: <quoted text> WOW! AMEN! I was so praying for you guys, tell Jason Ben said Hi.

Will do, he has missed you a great deal. Hope Joanna and the kids are well.

Dreyer Feb 14, 2011 #276 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Nate wrote: The only way for no one else to get hurt would be for solid rock to be CLOSED. I do not wish ill on anyone, but it's time for the end of that cult. It will be a very long time for me to trust enough to allow anything into my heart after what that ministry has done to not just me, but also my family. The loss of my house, my wife, my kids, my friends, my life savings, my faith, all of this has been taken without remorse. 2 years it has been and I still don't sleep well. I fear my children growing up believing that it's okay to marry relatives, cut off family and friends, steal from people. This is just horrible. I am so happy to see families make it out intact, that is rare.

Nate--Try to keep believing that God will restore those things, Jason and I never let the mess get between us and stood strong. I'm standing and believe that God will turn things around for the good of those who love him. I will be praying for you!

C Love Sartell, MN Feb 14, 2011 #277 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Dreyer wrote: Blind but now I see! I want to say that i'm very proud of Emily, Andy and Mindy it takes alot to stand when everything seems to be falling apart around you and when noone else will stand by you. Well I'm standing with you. I also want to thank God for opening my eyes to all the things going on. It may have taken me a little longer to listen to what God has been telling me for a very long time but at least I listened. I pray now for those still at Solid Rock that they open their eyes and don't stray from God. I pray that healing begins and no more people are hurt.

Thank God, Im so glad you were listening to the spirit of God when he told you to leave src. I continually pray for everyone still there and for those who have left as well. I know you will find many supportive ppl who have also found their freedom. Just keep praying and let God led you to the place he has for you and your family. Love to you and your family!!

C Love Sartell, MN Feb 14, 2011 #278 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

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I'm sorry for all you have gone through. I may have some answers or help for you if your interested? Do you have an email? You can reach me @ carriellove@yahoo.com anytime. Im praying for you.

Rhea Beaudry Elk River, MN Feb 14, 2011 #279 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

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My heart just breaks for the people still trapped there. For those who are just now finding their way out, please know that you are loved and accepted and NOT cursed. Many are praying for you. My experience is far in the past, but it most definitely affected me a great deal. The longer you were under that control, the harder it has become for you to be free. But IN JESUS' NAME YOU ARE FREE INDEED. I join with many others in covering you in prayer as you come out from there. We join together in the name of Christ Jesus and thank Him for breaking our chains and setting us free! "GRACE is the God-given power and ability to do what He wants you to do, and be who He wants you to be." (Ryle) May He pour out His grace upon your open thirsting hearts.

Dreyer Feb 14, 2011 #280 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

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praying and let God led you to the place he has for you and your family. Love to you and your family!!

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C Love
United States
Feb 14, 2011 #281 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Today is kind of a low day. It seems so hard to keep any focus. Like what the heck is this all about anyway? I thought we were here to win souls? I thought we were here to help others, and be a blessing? Im not even sure if God is with us anymore? What good is it to pray if nothing changes? If lives are still lost, physically as well as spiritually? Im not even sure what parts of the word are true and which were a minipulation? How in the world can i be a witness to anyone when I don't even know what i thought i knew? I feel like i'm holding my breath hoping Jesus will return soon so I can get out of here. Its such a mess.....

Dreyer
Feb 14, 2011 #282 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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Hey Hun- take a deep breath both in and out. Now, God's word never changes. Just because some people have twisted it to fit them doesn't me what they say is right. When you are reading look at the whole section of scripture and pray and ask God what he is talking about. It's true that we have to know where we are before we can take someelse there. But just get back to the basics and stay on that awhile and after that pray and ask God where to go next. I know that you are a strong Godly women and sometimes life seems messed up and seems like there is no way out but that's the devil trying to get inside your head. See the devil thinks he knows what buttons to push but guess what you have the upper hand to rebuke him and put him in his place. I love you girl and want you to contact me when ever you feel this way(jclaid98@yahoo.com) I'm here for you just holler at me.

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United States Feb 10, 2011 #243 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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@KJW: Im glad to hear from you. I always wondered whatever happened to you and your family. My son really enjoyed you in kids church way back when...Hope your kids are well. Im sure they are just about all grown up now! Thanks for your support :-)

Nate
United States Feb 10, 2011 #244 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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Chad
Fresno, CA Feb 10, 2011 #245 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

@Stubby..I agree with you. If I was in the area Id do the same thing and maybe even protest outside the church. He cant go on hurting families and his own kids...Of course anything I would do would only be done with the blessings of Andrew, Mindy, and Emily..Those poor kids have been through enough..

BUT im not in the area so all I can do from here is PRAY for everyone involved..

As far as Bill..Ya I dunno..They cant really fine him when he is already way behind in taxes..He just may get some jail time. I have a strong feeling he will get by with a slap on the wrist and community service even though its a felony.. He seems to have a way of getting out of stuff.

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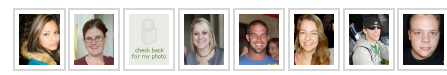
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PBJ United States

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Hey Chris good to hear from you, Hit me up on FB if you have it. Need for speed is about the only game I will look at today, good times man. So Mike J? is that Mike Jensen? if so dont get to discouraged, my wife knows his wife and they are really thinking stuff through i guess. the one thing that allot of the staffers deal with is, what do you do for a job after 20 yrs there? and that is a good argument. But, thats what your faith is for I guess. I would rather leave and be completely happy with God than stay over some man, and be unhappy. I was wavering and wish I made the choice long before I left. anyways, we can only pray for them.

C Love United States

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@PBJ: Anyone left,I'm sure are hardly getting paid anymore! I mean there must be 50 total members at this point, at the most? If nothing else will move them into reality, maybe no pay check will help wake them up! Sorry to say! Doesn't anyone else think it strange that these remaining few will stay throughout the disgraceful lifestyle their leader displays? CRAZY!! What will it take to wake people up? I am still shocked at how mathews can bold face lie to the congregation. I was watching a recent dvd i recorded of him "teaching" and the lies are so apparent now. He thinks too highly of himself! I was so stupid to believe him and trust him! Never again!!!

Nate United States

Feb 11, 2011 #249 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

@C. Don't beat yourself up saying you were stupid, bill HAD hundreds of people believing he was righteous. I know I did. I'm not so sure about M&N J. leaving. My ex and my kids are at their house daily, and I will tell you, not even an act of Congress would pull any of them out at this point. Think about it, if anyone knows all the crap that's going on,wouldn't it be them. All of this didn't just start last week either, they have known for years and yet still stick to him. I could see staying out of fear, when you lose everything including family to follow a man, what will you have without him? Hopefully someone can help them to see a way out.

Chad Fresno, CA

Feb 11, 2011 #250 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

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And yes for those others, all we can do is pray for them and offer assistance...

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Chris Minneapolis, MN

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@PBJ. My wife and I quit FB two years ago so that's out. Email me pfqn03@gmail.com.

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Those of us who know the truth need to keep our hearts open to hear the voice of God on this. If he prompts you to call someone, obey. He may just put someone on your heart to pray for. Obey. Trust that God's word is true, and the truth will set them free, just like it did for us.

Nate *United States* Feb 11, 2011 #253 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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Very well said Mindy! Thank you.

Chad *Bentonville, AR* Feb 11, 2011 #254 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

@Mindy..Very well put!

@ ANYONE..I have often thought of Marge who used to work in the office when I was there. Does anyone know how she is doing?

Candy Berquist *United States* Feb 11, 2011 #255 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Chad wrote:

@Mindy..Very well put!
@ ANYONE..I have often thought of Marge who used to work in the office when I was there. Does anyone know how she is doing?

Chad, Marge is at Living Waters Church where Ron and I go. Marge's daughter Suzie is married to Pastor Dave Weigel who have been affiliated with Living Waters for many years. Precious lady!!!

PBJ *United States* Feb 12, 2011 #256 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Mindy wrote:

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Thank you Mindy!!!!

Chad *Fresno, CA* Feb 12, 2011 #257 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

@Candy..Well thats good to know..Next time u see Marge please tell her I said HI! Im glad she is out of SRC..

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Interesting
Elk River, MN

Feb 12, 2011 #258 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

I saw this link today, and it reminded me of my time at Solid Rock.
<http://www.cultwatch.com/HowPastorsGetRich.ht...>

And this article was very helpful in realizing that this group actually is a cult. They could have been sitting in a service there writing about what they were seeing and hearing!
<http://www.howcultswork.com/>

So Sad
Peoria, AZ

Feb 12, 2011 #259 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

I agree with Interesting ... it definitely is a cult. If anyone has ever read anything about cults, they can see SRC for what it really is. Unfortunately, he's suckered many people in and now many are alienated from their friends and families who are not members of the church. What I'm wondering is what happened to all the money he 'stole' from his members. So many lost their homes to foreclosure because they couldn't pay their housepayments since they were giving all their money to the pastor.

knew and loved your mama



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Portland, OR

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Who funded Pastor B M's make over? He looked a lot different on the news segment than he has looked for years! Anyone else? Do you see the difference?

C Love
United States

Feb 12, 2011 #261 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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Well, we know he didn't pay any bills with the money. We know he rarely paid staff. And i know he didn't spend it on carpet, chairs, lighting and there certainly wasn't a fund to help members. So what did he do with the money? Good question?

C Love
United States

Feb 12, 2011 #262 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

***knew and loved your mama wrote:**
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Lol, he is trying to look younger for his new wife....yuck!!

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Saint Cloud, MN Feb 8, 2011 #223 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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I just want to comment to your post and how you are playing the role of the victim. I wish one day I could see you face to face and tell you that you are a liar. We all know the relationship you have with Bill Natwhews, and THE LOVE FOR MONEY.MAN UP AND ADMIT YOUR WRONG DOING. I can't believe that someone that preached the WORD OF OUR LORD can be so dishonest. You and Him are the reason why somany peopple turn away from God. it is not my right to say wether you and Bill would go to hell, but Hell Has a very especial place for people that use GOD'S word for their owne bennefit. Good forgives anyone wha has a dessire to be saved. in your life as well as Bill's life you turned on God KNOWING THAT WHAT YOU WERE DOING WAS WRONG!!!

Mindy
Elk River, MN Feb 8, 2011 #224 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

*Chad wrote:
Rojas????Someone catch me up to speed who are these people? Ive never heard of them until the last few posts..*

Chad-
Just people who are affiliated with Ed Dufresne. No body you would know. I don't know if they have even been to Solid Rock Church.

Nate Feb 8, 2011 #225 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

United States
 Feb 8, 2011 #226 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »
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Chris
 Minneapolis, MN
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Chad
 Bentonville, AR
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@Mindy..THANKS!

Robin
 North Branch, MN
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C Love
 United States
 Feb 8, 2011 #229 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

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Well it seems 6 more members have chosen to leave src! Good things are beginning to happen for all involved, Thanks to Andrew, Emily and Mindy for their courage to stand for what is right in the eyes of God and man. Someone posted how important it will be to be open and supportive to anyone of the other matthews kids when they leave and i totally agree. This is not to tear down but to build up, to restore, to truly walk in the love of God. Keep praying for all involved!

Rita
 Elk River, MN
 Feb 8, 2011 #230 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

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Jim and Virginia Rojas were at SRC Sept., 2007, when Bill was awarded the Doctorate of Divinity. By the way, I heard his Doctorate might be rescinded -- any word on that?

I'm one of many former SRC members. My husband and I left immediately after Bill announced his marriage intentions to Lorena--and we never returned after that day. All of this really grieves my spirit, especially because there are so many people that we care about that still go to SRC. As for us, we are in a great church with a great pastor, and God is so good to us. It's great to know that other ex-members are doing well too. Hi to Mindy, Emily, Andy, Tim and Ann Myre, Nate, and Carrie.

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Nate
United States Feb 8, 2011 #231 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
Hey Rita! Miss you, glad you are well!

Susie
United States Feb 8, 2011 #232 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
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Yes you are right Rita they were my point is where was dufresene while Bill is going to court I bet he cut him off now

Chad
Fresno, CA Feb 8, 2011 #233 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
@Rita..So what connection does Rojas have to Ed Dufresne?
Has anyone sent a link of the video clip to Ed Dufresne?

Susie
United States Feb 8, 2011 #234 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
I can't believe all these Pastors that follow Dufresne all over the world but when they are in trouble he is no where to be found some spiritual dad he is this whole thing makes me upset. Fleeing the flock

susie Feb 8, 2011 #235 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
@ chad the connection that the Rojas have to dufresne is they call him their spiritual dad and they bought in bill matthews to their church as a guest speaker, I wonder if they know what has happened, I am very sure they do, and I agree the clip from the news should be sent to dufresne since he is the one who all these preachers follow like he is their God

Molly Ann Griffith
Portland, OR Feb 8, 2011 #236 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
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The Matthews kids were always such nice kids, truly. They were my favorite kids when I was a kid! I used SO look forward to the once or twice a year when we got to hang out, it was awesome. I have many fond memories of them coming down to my grandparents' place in Missouri, and there are still some pictures at my Mom's house of all of us kids at grandma Judy and Papa's place, back in like 1979 or 1980 - 1987; ancient history!

But really, I want to express my sympathy for the hard things you kids, as siblings, have been through. I know what respect you always had for your parents when you were kids, and I know that doesn't go away in adulthood. Even if the object of your respect becomes in itself hazy or goes away entirely, that original respectful urge remains and it always stays there- as it must with kids who were raised as we were.

But, to have the issues confused in such a way must be so terribly distressing. I don't think that taking sides is productive, but I did want to say that I remember you as six awesome kids who loved each other, and I was envious of you always! It makes me feel just awful to think that you might not be talking to each other for some reason. I really believe that sibling relationships are the best thing to be had, and I hope that no matter what happens you'll all six of you continue to look after one another just like I remember you always did.

much love to the Matthews kids,

Molly Griffith

Emily
Elk River, MN Feb 8, 2011 #237 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
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Thanks for all the comments about the news story. It is nice to hear from all of you on here. I know one reason that people are afraid to leave Solid Rock is they think they will lose all of their friends. If only they knew that they would gain all the friends that they already lost by STAYING and have so much support. This forum is a great example of the support that is out there for all of us. I would encourage anyone that has left SRC to go to google cults and read a little bit about them.

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You can not confirm whether a belief system is actually a cult using your common sense. If common sense was enough to recognize a cult or false religion, nobody would ever be involved in one! Further, you can not expect a cult to admit they are one. Otherwise, why would anyone remain a member, or be interested in joining? Remember, cults will always have some sort of support for their beliefs, and the people involved sincerely believe what they are doing is right.

I have seen many people leave one situation where they were victimized or abused only to fall into another situation just the same. It is all they know and it is a horrible cycle. It is good to find another church after leaving but if you recognized the warning signs you could be less likely to fall into the same trap again.

Mindy
Elk River, MN

Feb 9, 2011 #238 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

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@ Molly

It is so good to hear from you! How in the world did you hear about this? I would love to get in touch with you. I am on facebook if you have an account.

I also have the best memories of visiting you guys when we were kids. I remember the sock monkeys your grandma had. I thought they were so awesome! I would love to see some of those pictures!

I completely agree with you about what a tight sibling group we were. Even in our adulthood we did everything together. Who needs friends when you have so many brothers and sisters? LOL All of our kids were always together. My son's best friends were his cousins.

It is so sad that all that has been destroyed. It is extremely distressing that a father could do to his children what our father has done. Not only has he forced us to take sides, but those who chose the wrong side (according to him) are cut out of the family. When we run into our siblings around town, they won't even acknowledge us. I have had my brother walk right by me, not even looking at me, and when I said hi, he didn't even respond. I have had my sister see me at Target and turn and walk the other direction on purpose to avoid me. I have tried reaching out, but was informed that they would no longer have any association with me.

This is all because my own dad is vilifying me. He says that I caused my mom's death by not having enough faith for her healing. I know I shouldn't have to defend myself against that kind of accusation, but I will anyway. First of all, cancer caused my mom's death, and secondly, I did have faith, and every time I was with her I would pray with her, read scriptures with her, and when I wasn't with her I was praying for her, and texting her what scriptures or words the Lord gave me in my prayer time.

My dad has also slandered me from the pulpit in his church. He says I am attacking him and trying to destroy his ministry. I'm not sure why he has been able to convince people these things are true. Everything that has happened, he did to himself. People left his church because they didn't think he should marry his daughter in law. He got charged with a felony because he didn't pay my grandma's nursing home bill, and the nursing home reported him, as they are obligated to do by law. How are any of these things my fault? They aren't, but my dad says they are. If you heard the lies he tells about my younger brother you would shudder. My dad destroyed his own ministry, and reputation. All for the lust of the flesh. I don't have to do anything to assist in that.

Making the choice I felt was right hasn't been easy, nor does it make me happy to be estranged from my family. I still love them very much and hope one day some of this can be different. I would like to tell anyone who is still at my dad's church, who may be "breaking the rules" and reading this, your life is not destroyed when you leave. Your seed is not dug out of the ground, your harvest will still find you. In so many ways my life is so much better since I left.

Andrew

Feb 9, 2011 #239 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

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Mindy and Emily, it breaks my heart how much pain this has caused you. I'm so proud of you, I'm so proud I can call you family. Thank you for being there and standing up for what is right. See you soon.

KJW
United States

Feb 10, 2011 #240 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

*Andrew wrote:
Mindy and Emily, it breaks my heart how much pain this has caused you. I'm so proud of you, I'm so proud I can call you family. Thank you for being there and standing up for what is right. See you soon.*

There has been a lot of hurt that has been a result of SRC. I was a part of it for 7 years and I thank God everyday that He took me out of that situation. When I think about all the time invested in that ministry and how it all ended it still makes me sad. I do still miss all those great kids (who are now adults). Well anyway I just want you to know that we are praying for you. Stay strong and lean on Him for your strength. He will carry you through this time.


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Nate
United States
Feb 10, 2011
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It really makes me wonder what exactly it is that is holding the remaining followers under him. Is it fear? Bill has shown his lack of honor and respect not just for the congregation, but even for his own family. If he is okay destroying his family, which is blood, what makes them think they are safe with him? I remember the sermon he preached that you never question what your pastor says or does, that he is without sin. I guess that was my first red flag.
I pray for those who still remain, my children included. This nightmare needs to be over.

Stubby
Beulah, ND
Feb 10, 2011
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Is I still lived in the area, I would look at protesting outside of his business. Present potential customers with facts and let them decide if they want to support such a person. It is time to put the pressure on. It is hard for me to believe that someone can not pay for a funeral, not pay property taxes, not pay withholding taxes on employees, take money from someone in a nursing home, be involved in a tax-exempt organization, and not have a full-blown investigation going on. maybe there is a more extensive investigation going on. I have my doubts that he will see prison time out of this current charge. Hopefully more will follow. Maybe the dollar figure don't match, but I liken Matthews to Tom Petters and Denny Hecker.

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Dean *Zimmerman, MN* Feb 7, 2011 #203 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply >](#)

Chad

I know brother what you went through after leaving SRC. Same feelings happened to my [family](#) and me. It took time, years to reach the level we are at today. We all have to heal an that takes time. What helps to heal is to assist others who are in the same boat, thats floating adrift from SRC. They know not which way is land where its safe again. We can show our understanding of what they are going through, our love an encouragement to help them back on course again. Its amazing how this forum with words activated by the Holy Spirit, is doing a remarkable [job](#) of helping people. We must keep it up. Let the healing begin!

We saw a promo on Channel 9 news over an hour ago, it showed Bill Matthews removing his coat and being frisked at his first appearance in court over a week ago. After frisking they fingerprinted and booked him for the May 9 court hearing. What's so sad, it didn't have to come to this.

I think the news story might be over 15 minutes long. That would make it a news special on Channel 9 news. Usually, they air these specials after 9:30PM Minneapolis time. That would be 9:30PM til 10PM

To make sure we will watch from 9 until 10PM in case there is a change of airing time.

Chad in your case, why not contact Channel 9 and ask for a transcript of the story. Who knows, they may offer video on their web site. Google in Fox 9 News. Select from the page offerings and use CONTACT US at Fox,etc.

Take care. Be Blessed.

cjthedj Since: Jan 11 **3** Feb 7, 2011 #204 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply >](#)

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@C Love...Well I had several issues taking place and not just due to the church..My [dad](#) dieing, anger at his doctors, relationships gone bad,..Just alot of stuff going on at the time but Bill firing me was good and bad, more good though Id say. God is no respecter of persons, if he brought me through all of this he can bring u out of it also! THERE IS HOPE! ok..waiting to watch the 9pm news online..

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I hope everyone realizes that God does not tell these so called "Prophets" to curse people and tell them horrible things that will happen if they leave. That is not the heart of God!! Actually this is Witchcraft. James 3:10 Out of the same mouth come forth blessing and cursing. These things, my brethren,ought not to be so. God has not given us a spirit of fear but of love and power and a sound mind. This is a fear tactic which is used to control the mind and is most often found in cults, in other words brain washing.

Mindy United States Feb 7, 2011 #206 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

susie wrote:
<quoted text>
I am referring to Jim and [Virginia](#) Rojas and yes they are much a part of his company calling him "dad" and leaning on his every word I can't believe they didnt know about this bill matthews

Well, I don't know if they will listen, but if you still go there you should let them know about this.
Also, if anyone is interested, you can see the news cast at www.myfoxtwincities.com

Judy Davenport, FL Feb 7, 2011 #207 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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Oops didn't mean to post that 4 times ! Oh well!! One was from God the [Father](#), next was from Jesus Christ, next was the Holy Spirit and last was from me!!! LOL

Nate United States Feb 7, 2011 #208 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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Job well done Emily, Andrew, Mindy, and all others who contributed. The truth is out, let the healing begin. It will be a process. Father God, I pray for those who have been and continue to be affected by this, I pray for wounds to be healed, hearts to be mended, and [families](#) to be strengthened. I also pray for Bill, that he may see with open eyes Your way and Your Word. This shall turn, new days ahead. Thank you Father, Amen.

Tom Manteuffel Minneapolis, MN Feb 7, 2011 #209 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

I am just so grateful that my family and I were able to leave SRC when we did. My sister prayed and prayed about switching churches. It was thought if we left we would be condemned. But she came to the conclusion that it was rocky soil as Jesus says in Matthew. All I hope is that anyone who is staying with that church still after all that has happened that they will not be afraid or feel condemned. God has such a wonderful plan for all of us and I can say with full [confidence](#) that church is not following the goal of the ministry of Christ. It's not about money, it's not about wealth, or personal gain. It's to depopulate hell and share the love of Christ to all. Souls being saved should be our goal. Hope we all can maintain the focus. If anybody reads this as a former member of SRC and you are in the elk river area still I would say go check out The Crossing on School St. It's a church that is tune with God's will and passionately shares the love of Christ. I pray none of us turn away from Christ after what happened at SRC. Stay strong in the Lord. God Bless, Tom Manteuffel.

Dean Zimmerman, MN Feb 7, 2011 #210 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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Mindy

In an earlier posting I thought the Channel 9 story might air around 9:30PM as was their custom of using the last half hour to show specials. I was wrong because the story broke about 9:15Pm lasting past 9:20PM.

The story was well written, presentation excellent with side shots showing interviews with Mindy and Andy with background scenes. Both Mindy & Andy did excellent interviews, very [professional](#). Congratulations to you both for standing up on the side of righteousness! You both have a special talent, also look good on Television.

Mindy also, thanks for posting the Channel 9 Website.

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Mindy United States Feb 7, 2011 #211 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Thank you,Dean, but I can't take the credit. It was Emily in the [interview](#), not me! I was

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in one of the pictures, though!

Dean
Zimmerman, MN

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Mindy

Wow, how many times can I be wrong. BUT all the Matthews children have been great lookers as long as I knew them. Your mother was beautiful and your father is a good looking man. Its just so sad this all came down like it did. My wife jackie and I have sadness because of the hurt you and your brothers and sisters have gone through. I pray it all will be resolved soon so you all can get back together as one family again.

By the way Mindy, was it your father that kept us from your wedding? We looked forward to your wedding so much, but never got the invite. You must have been very beautiful in your [wedding dress](#). Jackie my wife sends her greetings and best wishes to you! We still go to GNC but its not the same.

Blessings, and Peace...

Andrew
United States

Feb 7, 2011 #213 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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Susie,
I know them well, I used to go there. the problem is people are blindly following ed and if he says its okay they don't question, the rojas have many kids, if you het a chance you should talk to them about this and ask if they would ever destroy there family and why they would support this by not speaking against it to both ed and bill, many pastors have already taken a stand, but if more do, maybe they could get this stuff straightened out.

PBJ
United States

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saw the new today, well done guys.

Rev Edward G Palmer
Elk River, MN

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C Love
United States

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Its a "net working [pyramid](#)". That's why they needed all of us. Dufresne gets people to pay into him and then matthews gets people to pay into him and so on. After while, when people start dropping off, the money begins to dry up, and the fear of the curse begins. God is not going to take these actions lightly. Im sure it grieves Gods spirit to see the greedy hearts and lying tongues of the "ministers" of his gospel. This is not how God intended His word to be spread!

Chad
Bentonville, AR

Feb 8, 2011 #217 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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I saw the story from here in Arkansas and thought everyone did well..Im planning on contacting Ch. 9 tonight after work via email. I also contacted Andrew right after the story aired..My main prayer for this whole situation continues to be for all the Matthews kids. And u know when the other 3 siblings finally come around, WE NEED TO SUPPORT THEM and not scorn them or blame them. We need to show them true love....

Nearly destroyed
Minneapolis, MN

Feb 8, 2011 #218 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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Well, I did leave SRC. I left quietly even though I was told that me and my children would be cursed, that horrible things would happen to us and that we would die. After all we were told repeatedly, "It is life or death the church you belong to." And I did date someone from outside SRC...someone who really loves God, who goes to a REAL church, who preach the FULL gospel. I still deal with the after effects of SRC though. The curses did not come from leaving that cult, but from staying in that cult and having hands laid on me week after week for years and years. There is a lot of demonic activity going on in that place and I fully believe that is at partly why my life was so jacked for so long. But God is bigger and I will see complete healing and freedom. Well put, Tom. I saw you the other day, C Love at Walmart. Sorry I did not stop and talk longer. Didn't think you wanted to or had the time - my fault. I'll email you, hon. I do know this, though. As hurt as I am and as horrible the sins of Mr. Matthews, God can and will forgive him too, if he just bends a knee and repents. He has a lot of bridges to mend, and consequences to pay, but can and will forgive him, just as He has forgiven the rest of us when we screw up! We are all broken....some more than others..... Those of you who are searching for a church to attend now.....come check out The Crossing in Elk River. crossing-church.com

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an outlet for your original ideas.

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Laurie
Minneapolis, MN

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Great interview, Andy. Just keep your heart right and God will take care of the rest....You are a strong man with so much life ahead of you....Stay focused and keep seeking after the Lord. He really will direct your path!

susie

Feb 8, 2011 #220 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Mindy wrote:
<quoted text>
Well, I don't know if they will listen, but if you still go there you should let them know about this.
Also, if anyone is interested, you can see the news cast at www.myfoxtwincities.com

Trust me they know about this yet they will not let anyone know that they know they too have been known to hurt people that have left their church too

susie

Feb 8, 2011 #221 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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Andrew wrote:
Susie,
I know them well, I used to go.there. the problem is people are blindly following ed and if he says its okay they don't question, the rojas have many kids, if you het a chance you should talk to them about this and ask if.they would ever destroy there family and why they would support this by not speaking against it to both ed and bill, many pastors have already taken a stand, but if more do, maybe they could get this stuff straightened out.

I dont understand why they would still be affilieted with this kind of people that are not doing the body of christ good but harming them and I dont talk to the Rojas's they still have their heads up dufresenes behind to listen to anyone that's trying to tell them the truth but soon all these wof churches that are preaching the prosperity message and using the money that they say is for the kingdom will be bought to a end

Chad
Bentonville, AR

Feb 8, 2011 #222 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Rojas????Someone catch me up to speed who are these people? Ive never heard of them until the last few posts..

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Resting In Him United States Feb 21, 2011 #384 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply » @ Candy/ @ PBJ: Thank you for sharing those experiences, I'm sorry you went through them but you did go through and now being on the other side sounds like you've gained wisdom and insight that you are able to share with others. Love you both.

PBJ United States Feb 21, 2011 #385 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply » does anyone know ware Jessie Duplantis stands on the whole prosperity dictrine? again, I love all these men of God I grew up with but its hard to watch them anymore when they get off on money all the time.

Resting In Him United States Feb 21, 2011 #386 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply » Jesse preaches "the God of more than enough" "he supplies more than you will ever need" he once spoke about hearing the voice of God telling him to give 10,000 dollars in a copeland service he told God thats all i have and God told him thats all i want... He is among the many preachers fallen into this prosperity garbage. although i don't think all his preaching is off? Just like Hagin, you just really need to be listening to spirit of God and staying in the word with any preaching.

Resting In Him United States Feb 21, 2011 #387 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply » Most if not all of these prosperity preachers see copeland as their "spiritual father" they

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are committed to him, so i guess i would see if i agree with copeland's teaching (which i personally do not) and then use wisdom if i would even listen to the men and women that choose to sit under him!

Susie
United States
Feb 21, 2011 #388 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »
Then there are those who say dufresne is their spiritual father and they follow his teachings

Susie
United States
Feb 21, 2011 #389 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »
If people would just study the word for themselves they wouldn't be so lost in these cults of word of faith but we all are at fault when we want a quick fix for the word of God it says to test every spirit to know whether it's from God and not every teaching is from God. I believe we wouldn't been fooled into thinking we can speak things into existence since we are not God

Susie
United States
Feb 21, 2011 #390 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »
I'm more sick n tired of these word of faith pastors than anything else. I know alot n I've seen alot from some of the pastors that have affiliated with the dufresne's I don't understand how a man can have a bible school and don't really have a doctorate degree for real

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Rita
Elk River, MN
Feb 21, 2011 #391 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »
I don't know about Dufresne's doctorate, but Matthews' doctorate is an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity, which was bestowed on him upon nomination by Dr. Ed Dufresne and Dr. Ingolf Schmidt (from Germany). The honorary degree was granted by The School of Bible Theology Seminary & University in San Jacinto, California, "reflecting the highest esteem for his consistent Christian lifestyle, his love for God and humanity, and for his uncompromising ministry of the eternal verities of the Holy Bible." (the wording stated on the certificate). How about that?

Robert Larsen
Elk River, MN
Feb 21, 2011 #392 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »
The greatest conflict of interest that I know of, is when preachers say "give money to my ministry and God will give money to you". If this were really true, and if they believed it, they would simply give money to other ministries and then rake in the return. Some of them may just be mislead themselves, but I believe that many, maybe most of them are an example of 2Peter2:1-3 which says,
"1But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.
2And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.
3And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.
Notice that it says "through covetousness they with feigned words make merchandise of you". I believe that that covetousness is mainly on the side of the one asking for the money, but sometimes it is on the side of the one who is greedy for gain that can be had by giving to the preachers that make the appeals for money with the promise of a big return.
I also noticed that on this thread there is much reference and recommendation of books written by man, and very little reference to scripture. Scripture is what we need and that is where we will learn the truth, not in books written by men. We need to check out men with scripture, not books.
Consider Ecclesiastes 12:12 12 And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh.
BTW, I want to mention that I am full of hatred. You can read about it in Psalm 119:104&128.

Susie
United States
Feb 21, 2011 #393 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

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I agree with Robert let's start reading scriptures instead of reading so many books that are written by man that just twist scripture

Ex member

Elk River, MN

Feb 21, 2011

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Dufresne's doctorate is the same,(honorary) and if I remember correctly, it is from the same place.

Starting Over

United States

Feb 21, 2011

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Does anyone know of a good bible study i can go to, i would like to do exactly what Robert suggested and get back to the scriptures and put my mind on at rest in God and his word.

Rita

Elk River, MN

Feb 21, 2011

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Ex member wrote:

<quoted text>

Dufresne's doctorate is the same,(honorary) and if I remember correctly, it is from the same place.

I wasn't sure, but that's what I thought too.

Concerned

Davenport, FL

Feb 21, 2011

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This book was mentioned because it exposes what the prosperity pastors have done with the scriptures.It is not the lack of scripture reading that is the problem ,it is how these pastors interpret the scriptures for you. There is a strong spirit of deception and confusion operating in these cults which causes these people to listen to a man instead of the Holy Spirit! This is the subtlty of a cult which revolves around a mans agenda ,control and manipulation. Man has created this heirarchy system which exists in our churches today. This system puts a pastor on a pedestal. The focus then is on him and his agenda. His focus is on building his kingdom instead of seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness!!! We continue to see a lack of integrity, righteousness and holiness in these "Pastors for Profit" Why would we want to continue to expose ourselves and [families](#) to this FALSE TEACHING and misinterpretation of the Word

PBJ

United States

Feb 21, 2011

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I so miss the days when I got saved when the [gospel](#) was savation through Jesus. Why cant we just return to those days, why cant the church preach Jesus again?

PBJ

United States

Feb 21, 2011

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Dean wrote:

The Minneapolis Star Tribune paper web site that contains the story "Forever ex-SRC" mentioned is at:
<http://www.startribune.com/opinion/editorials...>

wow this was a good artical Dean, thankyou

Candy Berquist

United States

Feb 21, 2011

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Concerned wrote:

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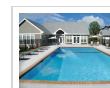
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Candy Berquist
United States

Feb 22, 2011

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destroyed wrote:

*if today is my last day on earth i will be glad...
if i go to heaven i will also be glad....
but if God asks me about my christian walk and my church.....i will be full of shame
and sorrow*

There is a new album out by RED: Until We All Have Faces. This song is on You Tube:
Red singing NOT ALONE on Jay Leno

NOT ALONE

Slowly fading away
You're lost and so afraid
Where is the hope In a world so cold?
Looking for a distant light
Someone who can [save a life](#)
Living in fear that no one will hear your cries

(Come and save me now)
I am with you
I will carry you through it all
I won't leave you
I will catch you
When you feel like letting go
'Cause you're not
You're not alone

Your heart is full of broken [dreams](#)
Just a fading memory
And everything's gone
But the pain carries on
Lost in the rain again
When will it ever end?
It's Hard to believe
It seems so out of reach

But I
(I am here)
I am with you
I will carry you through it all
I will catch you
When you feel like letting go
'Cause you're not
You're not alone

And I will be your hope
When you feel like it's over
And i will pick you up
When your whole world shatters
When you're finally in my arms
Look up and see love as a face

I am with you
I will carry you through it all
I won't leave you
I will catch you
When you feel like letting go
'Cause you're not
You're not alone

And I will be your hope
You're not alone
And I will pick you up
And i will be your hope

Slowly fading away
Lost and so afraid
Where is the hope in a world so cold?

Rev Edward G Palmer
Elk River, MN

Feb 22, 2011

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All of you who post and all who are still stuck in the Solid Rock Church cult are in my prayers as are those ex-SRC members who are distressed or in a state of [depression](#). Especially those with children or other family members still inside the cult. Be at peace as God will have the last word and WOE to those who lead our children astray.

Robert Larsen is correct in that Christians need to be focused on God's Word.

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It is only God's Word that allows us to know HIS TRUTH. For example, regarding the tithe, the truth is found in Deuteronomy 12:22-29. This is God's Law of Tithes. The main reason why so many Christians can be led astray like a cow with a ring in its nose is their sheer ignorance and lack of knowledge about the Bible and Scripture. Ask a Rabbi if the Jews tithe.

So, we KNOW God's truth only when we are focused on HIS Word.

Then, those who are filled with God's Spirit practice the truth. In this process, they come out into the light so that others can clearly see what they are doing. This is John 3:21.

The simplistic statement that "We will know the truth" is a misleading and inaccurate. Christ prefaced us "knowing the truth" with "abiding in his word." Ergo, ignorance of Scripture is a prescription for not knowing the truth. The tithe reference above is a clear example of ignorance causing Christians to be led astray. See John 8:31-32

Then the issue of discernment is clarified in Matthew 7:16-17. It is all about observing their "fruits" or the results of their actions. That is how you can recognize who the false prophets and teachers are. The fruits of William Neal Matthews' ministry is one of evil. That does NOT mean nothing good has ever come out of it. It simply means that the fruits are generally evil and not edifying to either God or the body of Christ.

A discussion of the truth can be found at <http://www.james417.org/John831.html> .

I hold a Bible study on Thursdays from 6:30-9 pm. If you are interested, let me know by using a feedback form at the James417 site or at any other of my ministry sites. You will find my doctrinal statement at <http://www.apostleministry.org> . Our Bible study is focused on God's Word and fellowship. It is not focused on getting anyone to believe anything albeit I hope we can all agree on what is actually written in the Bible.

God bless all of you in your struggles. Stay focused on God and HIS Word. That is where you will find peace. The peace that does "pass all understanding." Thank you everyone who posts information on this site and who are willing to discuss the issues they have been confronted with. Especially filling in some gaps like Candy Berquist has done.

To the person who thinks having a strong drink is a sin, check out God's tithe law.

Blessings,

Edward

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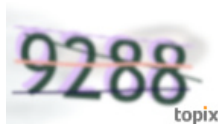
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Matt wrote:
But kids are at a different type of risk with that kind of sin. You said so yourself that the people that are there are laying hands on people. Are they laying hands on the kids? This is getting real serious now. What county is Elk River in?<quoted text>

Laying hands on your kids in prayer, imparting [spiritual](#) junk. i think everyone miss interpreted it.

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to-PBJ wrote:
Having been involved in that church; I understand the severe control and fear that one feels while under that [leadership](#). There were probably many people that witnessed illegal activity but never reported it. The leaders at SRC do try to make the person that shines light on the wrong they are doing look like the bad guy. "you shouldn't gossip or you shouldn't take your brother in Christ before the law etc" Yes, I agree that child porn is very serious but like he said it was over 7 years ago and he did report it to the Pastor which I'm sure he thought was the right thing to do and then promptly lost his [job](#).

THANK YOU!!!!!! you hit the nail on the head. when you belonge to a cult for ten years you dont think, your told what to think. so when is the next court date?

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The issues are finally being dealt with by the law. This process may not be as quick as we would hope, but we just have to trust God. All we need to do is pray, live right, love

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God and the brethern. Leave the rest to God. If there are other unlawful things going on in that church, they will come to the surface in due time. Trust God to keep those left behind safe and protected esp. his little ones. God knows what he is doing, and has made provision.

Barb
Elk River, MN

Feb 20, 2011

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@staying on the rock All of us ex-SRC and ex Elk River [Assembly of God](#) members felt the same way you do at one point. We loved our church and our pastor. You say the pastors personal life is not of any concern to you, I have to say that's very frightening, and I doubt your freedom. Does your pastor know that you are reading and posting on this blog? I can say with 100% certainty that you would see a very different man if you told him that you were leaving the church.

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Or is it that the scales were finally lifted from our eyes?

PBJ
Osseo, MN

Feb 20, 2011

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I agree, just the other day a member said they wanted to leave our church and our pastor said ok, be [blessed](#) in all that you do and remember our doors are always open if

		
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you want to come back. some staff members said to our pastor, does that bug you, He said not at all. we cant force people to come to our church it is there choice, and we cant take it personal if they want to leave. One good thing I did learn from SRC is how not to treat people if they want to leave the church. we have members leave the church before and I learned from SRC how not to treat them when I bump into them in town. Wel still hug, shake hands and talk. showing the love of christ.

Last Name:

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Resting In Him
United States

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It is such a shock to me whenever i go to a church now and talk with the pastor or elders or members asking them questions about their church and how they understand scriptures regarding church government, tithing, board members, out reach and so on. I read their bulletins and am amazed the openness regarding the giving, where funds go, accountability etc...It is like getting saved all over again, but with the RIGHT order in the house of God. I've found that the pastors DO NOT know how much people give in their offerings or even if they give. That is between God and the individual, surprising!?! My experience at src has caused me to not just believe whatever is told me, but to truely search the word for myself and then follow my heart, even if it doesn't agree with a man. God is the only one i need to answer to and follow. Legalisum will kill you, confuse you, and just plain run you down. Legalisum is not Gods plan or idea. God is interested in my heart, motives and obedience to him. Just wanted to share what i'm learning.-)

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Candy Berquist
United States

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My experience: For me, I remember LOVING revival, etc. but after Mr. Matthews' vision about the angel & the refrigerator, it soon became an obsessive doctrine. I think this was mid-late 1996 that I was getting so uncomfortable. By 1998, I was bothered so much I talked to Mary & asked about clarification on sheep & goats-at the end of our discussion I told her I had qualities of both. I was praying for a couple of months, grieved because our praise & worship had fallen away from focusing on our love; gratefulness; adoration of Jesus & our Heavenly Father. I talked to Rachel about it & I know she talked to her dad-nothing changed. About the time Skylar was born, I was seriously pounding the Throne, because I was so uncomfortable-I considered leaving. I heard in my spirit, "THIS IS YOUR CHURCH!" My mom came to visit & Brian came back to church. So, I stayed. I went back to what I first learned, & tried to find where I got off track of God's will in my life. It kept coming back that I was grieved that we were no longer actively worshipping the Lord, but lining up our words in song to declare prosperity. I seriously thought I would hear in my spirit that it was time for me to leave. I know Wes shared the same thing-he was waiting to hear that he should leave, but he didn't hear it, either (until at the end when he knew he had to leave). I kept applying what I thought was right to my thoughts of leaving. Ron was so upset at the church bills not being paid; leadership blaming the enemy for what people were doing in the flesh instead of people taking responsibility for their own wrongdoings. Then Ben was fired for "gossiping". When the pastor's were asked about the gossiping happening between their own family members-I was told it wasn't gossiping but training for the ministry.(I must say it sure didn't feel like training for the ministry when the gossip was about my family.) I kept arguing for the things I knew were good. I loved the Desire the Fire conferences and kept active with that. I got braces & pulled out of Praise and Worship. Some folks started losing their homes & businesses-including pastors' own family members. We were told to give more when we were in lack. I wondered why our pastors were not grieved & mourning with those families. There did not appear to be church help for those losing their homes. I did not get that. When one member of the Body is hurt-shouldn't the whole Body hurt with that member?(continued)

Candy Berquist
United States

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My brother came from Arizona after my dad died in 2000. Brian & Miranda; Des & Doug; Jimmy & Nanette. Tom & Christine. Barb left -one miserable Wes-then Wes left ? spring of 03. Ron told me pastors counseled Wes to divorce Barb because she left SRC. Ron left fall '03 (it would be 18 months of worshipping apart-miserable!) Many things I was not comfortable with in how counseling was done with my kids & Jimmy. Ron tried telling me why he couldn't stand it any longer, but I expected to hear in my spirit when it was time to leave. Soon after, Rachel had a vision about a bear standing up on it's hind legs roaring-I knew instantly it was me. May 2004(?) Billy got up one Sunday and said, "Today is Pastor's birthday & we want to bless him with an offering! Yes, today is Pastor's birthday...." I had bells and whistles going off!!! I felt a co-ersion attempt within myself. It was Mr. Matthews birthday on Tues.-not "today". I looked around at our congregation, NO ONE looked bewildered or confused-many of us knew his birthday was 5/25 but even those I know knew the date did not seem bothered by Billy's statement. People looked mesmerized & accepting.(I later found out one young woman did notice & was bothered by it also.) I met with the pastors & GENTLY

explained how I was bothered by Billy's statement-having been deceived by an ex-husband in a crucial way that harmed my family, I felt a boundary being crossed. I also expressed concern for Billy that it was damaging to him also if it continued. The pastors' were both visibly upset. "Billy did not mean to deceive anybody!" Later, from the pulpit, there were statements said to the congregation with knowing looks & grins between the pastors, "we wouldn't want to DECEIVE anybody, we want to say the CORRECT dates". Totally NOT in love-totally with sarcasm. It grieved me. I also talked with pastors of sensing that I was a watchman for the church during intercession-feeling warning from the Holy Spirit in some things that I tried to warn them about. That obviously was ridiculed from the pulpit. Some of the counseling was accurate & true-we WILL see where the fruit is or isn't.(continued)

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United States

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During this time Brian and Miranda split. Brian went to Shiloh Mens Ministries in Texas for a year (thanks to Pastor Mary). I have seen the deep love between my granddaughter and her daddy that no one could ever replace. I have seen God restore Brian and Miranda's marriage that not many gave a chance. I have Mary Matthews to thank for her tenacity in prayer for Brian & Miranda. Of course, I was in prayer, also, but to hear that woman pray you would have thought Brian was HER son (I did not agree with some major things from pastoral counseling to Miranda, but the whole picture in the end is a beautiful masterpiece!) My heart is broken that that opportunity was stolen from Andy, Lorena, and Natalia. But, I am determined to pray for Andy with the same bulldog tenacity that Mary prayed for my son!

When I left SRC in March 2005, I wrote a letter to the pastors' asking to be released. I stated my disagreement with hearing again from the pulpit that some of us whose spouses had left the church may need to choose divorce. I told them I had read Kenneth Hagen's book, "The Midas Touch" & that I agreed with him when he said that the Prosperity message is scripturally true but warned many had gone "off in the ditch" with the teaching. I wrote about knowing that I was the bear roaring standing up on it's hind legs that Rachel had seen a vision of. I asked why would a bear stand up and roar? Either to protect itself if or food source was threatened, or protecting her cubs. I thanked both pastors for the good that I had learned through them. I said I would always praise what was good, but that I would also stand up for truth in any situation I felt was not being portrayed correctly. I did receive a gracious letter of release from the them.(Later, however, I did hear that the pastors spoke of me negatively. Certain members of the pastor's family have appeared greatly discomfoted if they saw me-that just happened in Cub a few months back. Then there are members who are so pure-hearted they seem unaffected (Back after the Hoogenboom fracas, I remember talking about how some members seemed so unscathed & so pure-hearted through it all. Bev White said, "It is the Church within the church." That made such perfect sense then, & as I watch this all happen again, it makes perfect sense now.)(continued)

Candy Berquist
United States

Feb 20, 2011

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I visited SRC during Desire the Fire before Mary Matthews died. It felt so good to be back, I still could sense the Lord's anointing. I was asking the Lord if there could be restoration somehow of SRC with the community churches who are so bonded together for Pray Elk River. When Mary died, it was so good to be there for her funeral. I saw Andy & Natalia & Lorena holding hands-I felt so hopeful for them because I saw Brian's & my own marriage restored-I had faith for Andy's & Lorena's.

When Desiree called me to say that Pastor Bill was were going to marry Lorena, I went into shock. Literally. For me, it was like JFK being shot, the Challenger exploding, 911 happening. I remember when I got that phone call, going into shock, Ron trying to get me to talk & make sense of what I said. I had an instant memory of Ron & I seeing Mr. Matthews at a restaurant ~4 weeks after Mary's funeral. When I saw him-at first he didn't see Ron or me. His face looked so weird-he was encompassed & engrossed. Normally he would be aware of all his surroundings & who is near him. He was in process of sitting at the table but not at the end nor head of the table, but in the middle-not his normal place to sit (made me think at that moment of David not being with his men in battle-not in his place). He said, "I can sit wherever you want me to sit." Rachel said, "You can sit wherever you want, Dad." His voice had a fake submission sound to it. Rachel's voice was weird, also-like she was playing a part. I felt something was very

wrong & wished I was out of that room-I looked down-I didn't even look to see who he was sitting by! I just felt sick. Then he noticed Ron & me. When Mr. Matthews saw us, his face registered discomfort, shame, like being caught doing something. Then he started to come over to us & my heart sank. Ron was talking to him but I kept looking at his face-it wasn't right-it was like a veil going over it. Ron and I both commented to each other after he walked away that something was not right. Ron said, "there is something going on with him-it's not good." When this memory came to me when Des' phone call came, I was sick to my stomach. I went into a deep grieving in my spirit that lasted 3 days. During the next half year, I was hoping & praying that Mr. Matthews would somehow come to his senses and turn tail & run from the direction he was going. Then we heard despite it all, he went through with marrying Lorena. Then we watched his family split apart. So, so unbelievable & so, so intolerably sad.(continued)

Candy Berquist
United States

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Like Ben J., it took me over 4 years to come out of deep grieving over what has been lost at Solid Rock. Ron & I have attended Living Waters together these past 5 years (Ron for >12 months before me). I have not yet been able to give myself with abandon to my church. I have no desire to be in any inner circle or close to pastoral staff as much as I was before. I know that I have more healing to experience-but believe the day will happen that I can again be an intercessor at church. Please know that although Ron & I had a year of separation in 2006, we counseled professionally together during that year & we both attended the same church during that year. We have a strong marriage-our life is VERY blessed. It truly has been worth it all!!!

Despite disagreeing with much that happened in the latter years at SRC, & how upset I am at how the Matthews' family is wrenched apart, I believe our creative God can restore this family in His Way. I have seen the Lord work miracles in my son's marriage & in my own. I have shared my personal story, because if anyone is still there that is struggling like I did for years to make sense of that nagging feeling that something wasn't right, I pray that you will have the strength to act on it. You are not alone in that struggle. There are many, many of us praying for SRC and the Matthews family. Barb said it, we loved our pastors & our church. We still do love them & each of their kids. We all were family, very human, and all of us erred. In the end I pray we all still will be family & loving in each other without reserve or discomfort. Heaven will truly change how we look at this time on this earth.

Candy Berquist
United States

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Clarification: Folks, the time of seeing Mr. Matthews' at the restaurant, to the best of my recollection, was in May or perhaps early June after Mary died. I should have said that instead of ~4 weeks after the funeral. Or said 4-7 weeks. I want to be as fair and accurate as possible. Thanks.

Susie
United States

Feb 20, 2011

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Wow that's alot on your plate that you had to deal with I know what's it like to leave a church where you love the Pastors but when they start teaching false doctrine and not doing what they were called for and that's to save the lost and help those who need to know the true love of Jesus. Thank you for sharing your story that it may help those who are lost in these word of faith churches that

continue to preach give give until it hurts well

if a person can't even pay their bills how are they supposed to give. I also know of two Pastors that had Bill Matthews at there church and he was so worry about selling his books and getting paid that there was never a altar call for those who wanted to be saved. Thank you that you are able to tell the truth about what goes on in these churches cause I know all to well that everything you say is very true I have seen where the family of these pastors sit around and gossip about others and if someone else in the church does then it's wrong but two wrongs don't make it right thank you again

PBJ
United States

Feb 20, 2011

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@ Candy WOW! Candy amen to all that. I remember those times like it was yesterday, and I agree. SRC started out powerful, but when we got off on the whole money trail, looking for gold dust, writing praise and worship songs about money?, shouting for money to come to me and not shouting the praises of God? And one day a lady came to church while I was working one summer day in need of help. She looked rundown and needed a touch of God, but all she asked for was help with some groceries. But pastor said because you don't attend here and tithe,(no joke) we can't help you. All this was an eye opener for me. And I wanted to leave two years before I did, but couldn't. I was ten years told if I do me and my family will backslide and die and go broke, lol. Well

today I have a blessed family of 4, not including all the wonderful relatives. I have a wonderful job that allows me to live off of one income very comfortably to take care of my family. And God has blessed me to be working in the ministry as a youth pastor with a wonderful growing group of kids. I have been blessed beyond what I could ever imagine only after I left SRC, Funny how that works. No one ever hears from God to leave when your ears are calloused to a bias message. Before I was fired a man in the foyer said to me in one month you will be working with e and then He laughed. I rebuked Him because I was there ten years and not going anywhere. Well two weeks later I was called into the office because pastors sister said I said something I didn't. I told him to call her in and I will set her straight. Some one in the church ran off to get married and I was told to announce it in youth group. I did and pastors sister cornered me mad because she was not invited. She asked me why did they do that? Are they pregnant? I said I don't know? And walked away confused? Well the next day I was called into the office and was asked why I was spreading rumors. I said I wasn't. He said well when they asked you if they are pregnant what did you say? I said I don't know. The pastor said well that answerer just cost you your job. I left confused and in tears. But got over it with Gods help years later and now look at anyone of those people in love. The next week I applied at a temp agency and they put me at the job ware that crazy guy who I rebuked worked, exactly one month later. So yeah, God was telling me to leave but you never hear it. Sometimes God has to kick you out to get your focus back on Him, then He will explain why He did that. But unfortunately that is a much more painful process and not to many Christians make it through the process, because they are told they will fail, go broke, and end up in Hell. I know some old friends who read this blog in that spot right now. I encourage you to hang in there and not to give up on God, all that is a lie. You will be just fine, God will meet you ware your at and I encourage you to let Him start the healing now and not later.

p,s, what was that book by Kenneth Hagen called? God has been talking to me about that same thing since I left, to the point that if I hear a pastor on TV talk about Money Money Money I get sick. But I alway wonder why these great men of God would still teach on it and still looked for more clarity on the subject. I need that book, please tell me the title. I know ware I stand now but others need to read that book.

Rhea Beaudry
Elk River, MN

Feb 21, 2011

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Ben...Candy...Thank you for sharing your stories from your hearts. It takes courage to do that.

I have stories too...from before, during, and after the Matthews experience. But mine will not be told, because I went into severe depression and burned all my journals. Without those journals I would never be able to get all the facts and dates straight. Too many stories. But, then, that is why I burned them....so I would not be able to dig all that up again and dwell on it. Burning the journals did not make the pain go away, a huge part of me has died inside, over the years. BUT God is leading me forward. One day at a time.

I agree with what "toPBj" wrote, above-- and thank you for saying it. Ben did what he knew was right.

Concerned
Davenport, FL

Feb 21, 2011

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The Book is by Kenneth E Hagin and is titled " The Midas Touch" Kenneth Hagin actually called several Word of Faith Pastors of large churches { if I named them you'd know} together and as their father in the faith warned them {before he wrote the book} that their is truth in the prosperity message but they are not doing what God would have them do with it. They got up ,walked out { turned their back on him and didn't respect the Word from God} and continued with their heinous false doctrine. Look what perversion we have today! So called "Pastors for Profit" fleecing the flock. By the way you won't find that book in " Word of Faith" Bookstores. It exposes the false doctrine they've built their false kingdom's around! Well, the pyramids are crumbling and loving concerned christians with God's compassion and mercy will be their to deal with the carnage and care for the damaged sheep. These "Pastors For Profit" will be exposed because God tried to warn them and they would not listen

Candy Berquist
United States

Feb 21, 2011

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@Ben, the book is called "The Midas Touch" A Balanced Approach to Biblical Prosperity by Kenneth E. Hagin First printing 2000. This is the book that Mr. Matthews preached AGAINST in the pulpit saying that Kenneth E. Hagin did not write the book. That another man wrote it.(I know a good number of books by preachers are written in that fashion-where someone is hired to read sermons and then put them together in book format.) Later clarified that another man wrote the book from Kenneth E. Hagin's preaching. I bought the book at Living Word's Book store where it was displayed front and center. I just checked Amazon and they have 10 in stock for a little under \$14 plus shipping and handling. You surely are welcome to borrow mine-but I am guessing once you read it you will want your own to keep!

Candy Berquist

Feb 21, 2011

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United States

@ Rhea I sure have loved and appreciated you from the earlier years at ERAG and forward on! You have no idea how you and Leon helped me in so very many ways!!! I am so thankful to have had my time at ERAG-those years are precious to me, also. I, too, have had my depressed times. Worship music like Christ for the Nation "Glorious" and now Jesus Culture; Firestarters and others are so helpful to get me out of the funk. Oh, Robin Mark's Revival in Belfast was huge for me too back then. Hugs from me to you and Leon!!!

Rita
Pequot Lakes, MN

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Concerned and Candy: You're right. That book was not at the SRC bookstore, although they have practically every other book of Hagin's. With what I've been hearing about Word of Faith churches, I was wondering if Hagin was all wrong too. I've read many of his books and listened to many of his sermons. I'm anxious to read The Midas Touch and just bought it for my Kindle from Amazon for \$9.99.

Candy, you left SRC about 6 months after I started going there, and I'm sorry to say that I don't remember you -- probably just not connecting your name and face.

Thank you all for sharing your stories. As for me, I know there were people trying to warn me about SRC, that thought I should leave -- but of course I didn't listen to them either, thinking they were the ones that had it wrong.

I finally did leave when Bill announced his intentions to marry Lorena. Prior to that, he preached a lot about "Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage" using Hagin's book by that title (or twisting it to his way of thinking) to "justify" relationships that were going on in the church at that time, also "justifying" his relationship with Lorena, so the members would be prepped before he made the announcement to marry her.

Concerned
Davenport, FL

Feb 21, 2011 #382 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Candy , you may have found it at Living Word at one time? My friend recently asked them for it and they went behind and under the counter and said" Oh this must be the last copy" no longer displayed or promoted!We have been gone from Living Word for a few yrs because of False Doctrine being promoted. Definite perversion of the prosperity message {beating the drum every yr for stewardship campaign giving sacrificially over and above the tithe)! We knew where the money wasn't going {missions etc} and boy did we find out more after we left { from Pastors and staff people that had left as well} The word talks about Judging sin within the church in 1 Corin chap 5. A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. We will be affected by that sin as a church if it isn't dealt with and corrected! That would include false teaching , pastors lieing ,stealing etc. Now another false teaching " Dual Covenant Theology" is being promoted at Living Word. because a " Little Leaven" was not dealt with. This perversion of the prosperity message has opened the door to more sin and we are not to be a part of "Sin Friendly Churches" What we are calling churches are actually CULTS that is why it is making you sick to listen to these " Men of God" and their false doctrine. Discernment in the church is missing because these "pastors for profit" beat you over the head about what will happen if you leave your "Man of God!" The Holy Spirit is trying to speak to you. Please listen!! Study what the word has to say about tithing, they have perverted that very basic doctrine and fleeced the shhep with it!

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Tommy Gust *United States* Feb 18, 2011 #343 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Judged: 3

I'll say it again. All of you staffers at src are in on this mess somehow. Billy and Rachel, I wonder how many people actually believed any of your bs over the years. Chelsea, I always trusted you. But, this is getting serious. GET OUT.

Tommy Gust *United States* Feb 18, 2011 #344 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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In regards to my first post today, If it walks, talks and acts like a duck, it probably is a duck.

Candy Berquist *United States* Feb 18, 2011 #345 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Judged: 1

If Mr. Matthews knew one of his staff members was looking at child porn with proof evidenced by the computer itself, why was this not reported to the police? Mr. Matthews along with staff members are MANDATED REPORTERS and mandated reporters can be prosecuted for not turning in such information-Mr. Matthews is NOT above the law. If a child/teen/vulnerable adult in the congregation has been perceived as harmed by one these staff members, there would be legal issues for the offending staff member and the MANDATED REPORTERS on staff not turning in the information to the authorities! Why were these staff members relieved of their duties immediately??? Would the whole church have folded on itself then??? Exactly what I mean about the instant restoration once covered by the Blood practice. For those of us families that were dealing with sexual abuse issues-this is an absolute mockery. And WE were the ones who were OFF??? Are we not supposed to judge ourselves? That is what the counseling

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processes taught. Examine ourselves, our thoughts. Basically face our own demons. See how the abuse cycle works, where it can be broken. Establish healthy boundaries. My God, my God have mercy on us all. Lord, please protect the Church within the church-the pure hearted ones still there.

Candy Berquist
United States

Feb 18, 2011

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Judged: 1

Correction: Why were these staff members NOT relieved of their duties immediately???

Ex member
Elk River, MN

Feb 18, 2011

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Those allegations are more than a little troubling. Bill always said that it was a safe place. One more lie to add to the list of ever growing mistruths coming from that man. He has been telling people that he never took his mother in law's money, and that he only used it for thirty days. If he used my money for any length of time without permission I would still consider it stealing.

Whatsmyname
Saint Paul, MN

Feb 18, 2011

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No we don't know who it is. PBJ never reported it. Do you know?

Tommy Gust wrote:

All of that bs is very ungodly. Mysticism. Go read Charismatic Chaos, and you will see why that spirit world crap is the devils work. As far as the gay porn, kiddy porn and such goes, I think we all already know who it is.

PBJ
United States

Feb 18, 2011

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Judged: 1

Hey everyone don't jump to conclusions here, no names where given so don't put names to the people, if you cant pray for them then don't talk about them. This was an example of over seven yrs ago so where there heart is now only God knows, this is why no names are given. It was my experience at the time. And by not going to the police no laws where broken. Police and Ministers are protected under a privacy confidential oath. Some one can come to a pastor and say I was raped by one of your staff members and he can do one of two things, 1) counsel the people involved, or 2) report it to the authorities. Teachers don't have this option, they have to report it. Now the victim at anytime can go to the Police and press charges but even then the pastor who may know about it is still innocent and breaking no laws. And also in this case there is no real victim, so what do you tell the police anyway. If someone chooses to look at sin, well they will have to deal with God, not man, man still justifies it as not sin and would laugh at the accusation. Part of the reason I say all this because just last month I talked to a Police officer about a similar but worse situation that happen to one of my youth. After telling the officer the whole situation he still left it up to me and my pastor about what to do. Today one of my youth is locked up in juvie and the state is pressing charges against them. Not an easy thing for me to do but we have counseled many times before and it seemed to not work. So at the time I did not go to the police because I did my part by going to my boss and again there was no tangible victim. So if the last statement bugged any of you.... Then pray, pray for the ones who are trapped, the ones who are blind and still there. Like I said before, I am not trying to bad mouth anyone, just shedding a little light to those who may be praying for answers.

Nate
United States

Feb 18, 2011

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Judged: 1

My kids are there, do I need to be concerned about a pedifile or not? Homosexuals I don't care, that's their deal, touch my kids and I'll turn someone inside out myself!

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PBJ
United States

Feb 18, 2011

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Candy Berquist wrote:

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PBJ *United States* Feb 18, 2011 #352 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »

Nate wrote:
My kids are there, do I need to be concerned about a pedifile or not? Homosexuals I don't care, that's their deal, touch my kids and I'll turn someone inside out myself!

Your missing the point, if your kids are there than they belong to a cult, so yeah be worried because not good can become of that. But don't put sin into categories of what is acceptable and what is not. Sin is sin, hate it equally. Why would you be ok with homosexuality in a church? Is this sin acceptable to you? Than don't focus on the one thing but the picture as a whole... SIN! There is something wrong with a church full of sin and the leaders hid it.

Matt *Osseo, MN* Feb 19, 2011 #353 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »

But kids are at a different type of risk with that kind of sin. You said so yourself that the people that are there are laying hands on people. Are they laying hands on the kids? This is getting real serious now. What county is Elk River in?

PBJ wrote:
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Matt *Osseo, MN* Feb 19, 2011 #354 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »

You're missing his point. HIS KIDS ARE THERE! Where people on staff are looking at child porn.

PBJ wrote:
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Nate *Minneapolis, MN* Feb 19, 2011 #355 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »

PBJ wrote:
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I fully understand your point, yes being gay is a sin, and any sin should not be accepted in a church setting. I spend time with my kids, they understand that being gay is a sin, if you think about it not giving known information is also a sin, right? It's a lie. Again we are at catagories. Hell, I sin all the time, I'm not proud of it, there are alot of things I should not do, I smoke and I really enjoy having a beer. The problem I have is a pedifile is normaly, not all the time, but normaly a predditer. They seek out satisfaction for their lust, same with homosexuals. Difference is, homosexuals are looking for love or long term relationships with memebers of the same sex, where as a pedifile is looking for vounlerable children.

I will admit, I have gay friends, and you know what? They are actually some of the nicest people I know. As long as they don't gay on me, we get along just fine. But to prey on children? Do you see the difference? I know I souldn't be okay with it, but somethings to me are more dangerous then others. That's my take on it.

Nate *United States* Feb 19, 2011 #356 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply](#) »

Src is in sherburne county I believe. And yes, I agree, no good can come from being in a cult. When they come to my house there is a sadness in their hearts, a weight they are carrying. Some from what they have gone through with the divorce and remarriage. But some of it is because they know the difference between right and wrong and that there is nothing they can do about where they are taken by their mother. If they say anything about it, they are being defiant and unruly. They know that you must honor thy mother and father. Tough position to put children in.

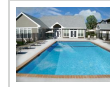
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The Minneapolis Star Tribune paper web site that contains the story "Forever ex-SRC" mentioned is at:
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Been There
United States
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@PBJ
I would like to point out that at the time you discovered someone looking at child porn (and I only say that one because it is actually illegal, unlike being homosexual) you were not a pastor and they (the perpetrator) did not come to you, but rather, you caught them in the act of a heinous and disgusting crime. Also, you note there were no victims in your instance but the victims were the children who were used in the porn that was being watched. You were not the pastor and therefore you are not awarded the the privilege to not report the crime.

to-PBJ
Elk River, MN
Feb 19, 2011 #362 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »
Juded: 1
Having been involved in that church; I understand the severe control and fear that one feels while under that leadership. There were probably many people that witnessed illegal activity but never reported it. The leaders at SRC do try to make the person that shines light on the wrong they are doing look like the bad guy. "you shouldn't gossip or you shouldn't take your brother in Christ before the law etc" Yes, I agree that child porn is very serious but like he said it was over 7 years ago and he did report it to the Pastor which I'm sure he thought was the right thing to do and then promptly lost his job.

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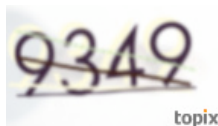
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Gwen-

Just to be clear, Bill did not pay for his son's portion of the divorce, he only paid for Lorena's part. Also, he paid for her rent from the time she moved out till the time they were married. Another interesting point of fact is the house that was rented for Lorena belonged to Bill's daughter, Rachel.

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In addition to the above Bill also purchased a car for Lorena shortly after his wife's death and created an income for her by fabricating a new position at the church

PBJ
United States

Feb 17, 2011

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Dreyer wrote:

<quoted text>

PBJ-We left 3-4 weeks ago but I wanted to leave along time before then. I wanted to leave shortly after pastor Mary passed but i was talked out of leaveing. Then I got a backbone and started listening to my spirit. It is very much an eye opener to all the things that have gone on and all that has been going on for many years. I really wonder what it will take also?!

good for you guys, how is Jason doing with it?

PBJ
United States

Feb 17, 2011

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member wrote:

"1st of all, keep in mind that it's not for a man that I go to that church, it's for God. 2nd, it was God that placed me there and he hasn't told me to leave. 3rd, Paul was in prison more than anyone and not one of those times was it "justified" that he actually be there. 4th, if every "Christian" bailed on another Christian because the devil attacked them, why would anyone want to become part of the body? Your actual, physical body, when it gets sick, sends white blood cells to destroy the sickness. In hypothermia, other parts of your body will shut down in order to preserve your vital internal organs, just to survive. Your own physical body knows how to help other parts better than some "Christians". 5th, are you blameless? Do you have a right to judge this man and cast the first stone? 6th, I, of all people, know exactly what it feels like to have family and friends leave you based on lies. And never getting them repaired. Some of them will never hear the truth and some of them will never believe the truth. 7th, none of any of the above even matters except #2. God has placed me and my family there and He hasn't told us to leave. And even though the devil attacks, I know GOD is more than able to protect me and my family. Now, I am not angry or defensive, but please understand that it ultimately boils down to where God has placed me. And if I go to any church based on whether or not someone is perfect, I'll never find one. If I only love my children when they get 100% on all their tests, what kind of mother am I? I love my children when they are doing all their work and when they cheat and disobey. So what kind of person would I be if I say I have the love of God in me but only love them when a person is behaving perfectly? Do you remember Saul and David? David was the next King and God had already removed Saul, but Saul was on the throne. Saul sought after (he literally went after) David to kill him. And David had opportunities to kill Saul too. But David wouldn't touch the man of God, because Saul was still anointed to be on the throne. David knew it was a dangerous thing to go after the man of God. I recognize that I don't want to position myself against God. It may "appear" as one way, but remember it "appeared" the devil had killed Jesus. Then three days later, God's plan and victory was revealed!!!!"

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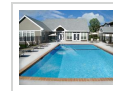
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I agree with you wow, to compare would be silly. Bill actually broke a FEDERAL law,

Pual was persecuted. Big difference there. The Bible says to obey the laws of the land, Maybe He didn't get to that part of the book yet

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Wes
Elk River, MN

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I don't say alot on here cause yall are doin a great job. Grats Andy i am proud of you.Even if you are in the army (USMC) forever lol.But i do need to tell the members that are reading this and are asking God .Am I sapose to be at SRC .Most of yall know me so listen to me for a moment while you listen to the Spirit of the Lord .I ask God alot of times after my wife left the church what should i do .Should i leave or stay and more so should i leave. I never herd from God ,you need to leave now.But i had no peace in my home or in my spirit.So i went and talked to my pastor . His answer was , you will probably have to divorce your wife. Well i was surprised that a pastor would take my marriage so lightly .Suddenly i was hearing GOD , with clarity time to leave.All i can say now is i am glad i left ,I love my wife and we have been married for 30 years .A man wanted me to throw that away not God . I know from experience God is beating you over the the head trying to get you to leave ,but from the teaching and the wanting to stay you can't here him . When i left it was still one of the most difficult things i have ever done. After i made the choice i felt alot of weight leave my shoulders it was a new found freedom and it was in Christ Jesus who i still love.I won't go on but i got alot to say about what we are seeing at that church right now and in the past . open your ears to here along with your eye and spirit . You don't need to be hit as hard as i was. king_wking@yahoo.com I love you all.



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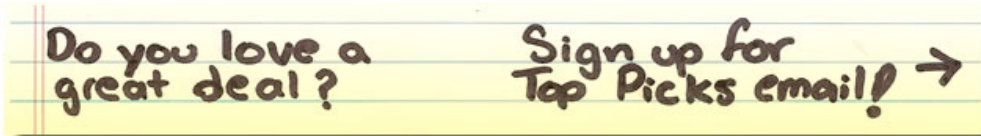
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PBJ
United States

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yes they work there, and still on staff too. but I am not here to bad mouth or destroy anyone. just letting everyone know there is alot going on they dont know about. maybe they should pray and make an effort to hear God about if it is right to stay in a place like this with these kind of leaders?

Matt
Inver Grove Heights, MN

Feb 18, 2011

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Whatsmyname wrote:

Ummmmmmmm.....who are these people? They still work there. Child porn is serious so don't you think you should say the name?<quoted text>

Yeah what is your name? That's right you don't have the balls everyone has had to say it.....

Stubby
Beulah, ND

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I have a question for you more recent members. I watched some of the webcasts and it appeared that Matthews had a bodyguard with him during the alter calls. Is that who that big guy was? or was it something else? Dane

Christy
Champlin, MN

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Thanks Emily for sending me the links to the news story and this forum. I just finished reading all 322 posts. I'm so glad I called you yesterday.

Andy, congratulations! Tom and I have always been very proud of you. You were Always the one we looked to for hope when we were struggling with Alex.

Thanks to Mindy and Em for always being my friends.

Hi to all my lost friends Rita, Candy, Candace, Carrie and all the boys too, Nate and Ben. And everyone I missed. Ben and Andy I have such a good memory of the power team. Thanks for letting me show my stuff (breaking bricks).

It has been great watching everyone reconnected on this forum. Out of a great tragedy rises great things.

I would love for us all to get together again.

Hi. My name is Christy and I'm an ex scr-aholic. Was there for ten years. My kids and Tom tried to make me leave for years but I thought I was being faithful and they would follow. Really they had it figured out.

Christy
Champlin, MN

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Oops. Src-aholic

Whatsmyname
Saint Paul, MN

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Whats your name?(please print your full name) Hello.....my name is.....John. And I use to be in a cult. lol. Hows that for having a pair?

Matt wrote:

<quoted text>

Yeah what is your name? That's right you don't have the balls everyone has had to say it.....

Whatsmyname
Saint Paul, MN

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"Matt".....do you struggle with child porn? You seem a little defensive about that question.

Matt wrote:

<quoted text>

Yeah what is your name? That's right you don't have the balls everyone has had to say it.....

Nate
Saint Paul, MN

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@Stubby, that is Mark S. He is standing in as "arms bearer" kind of like a body gaurd, to watch over Bill when he "gets into the spirit" to make sure he doesn't hurt himself or get hurt by anyone.

Nate
United States

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That's another thing I have wondered about. Isn't God orderly? Why would people become out of control if they are moved by the spirit? Almost seems more like a possession, doesn't evil rule in chaos?

Susie
Los Angeles, CA

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I believe if there are people that are into gay n child porn shouldn't they be turned in to the police instead of just being able to work where there is kids it is the respnsibity of the person who knows this to report it

Tommy Gust
United States

Feb 18, 2011

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All of that bs is very ungodly. Mysticism. Go read Charismatic Chaos, and you will see why that spirit world crap is the devils work. As far as the gay porn, kiddy porn and such goes, I think we all already know who it is.

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Dean Zimmerman, MN Feb 16, 2011 #303 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply >

According to Ed Dufrense's web site, Ed will be at SRC March 20 & 21. Site gives the regular pitch about planning to attend these meetings at SRC. There will be POWER PACKED MESSAGES that will change your life. Also, there will be a ministry to heal the sick. SO, come expecting your MIRACLE!

Service times Sunday and Monday 7:00PM

Could this also be a fund raising event to bolster Bill's legal fees? Hmmm I wonder?? Also, puts in doubt Ed wrote I am sorry about Bill posting earlier? Hmmm?

Dreyer Minneapolis, MN Feb 16, 2011 #304 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply >

PBJ wrote: <quoted text> C. Dreyer, when did you leave the church? and if you think it is sad that they would do that? Did Jesus ack that way? did he force anyone one to go to anyone church? all this should be an eye opener for them BUT YET THEY ARE SO BLIND! makes me wonder what it will take?

PBJ-We left 3-4 weeks ago but I wanted to leave along time before then. I wanted to leave shortly after pastor Mary passed but i was talked out of leaveing. Then I got a backbone and started listening to my spirit. It is very much an eye opener to all the things that have gone on and all that has been going on for many years. I really wonder what it will take also?!

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Andrew
United States
Feb 16, 2011 #305 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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Hi all, its been a while, I've been gone at more military training, for those who believe your life is ruined when you leave it is a lie! I'm doing great, sure there are obstacles but I don't ignore them, I continue to work through them, by trusting god, working hard, and help from my unit I have just passed one of the most difficult army schools there is, there is only about a 40% pass rate. Not bragging on me, just showing the contrast. Don't believe what they say. I believe God is in control, he will take care of this, sometimes we have to be patient.

Mindy
Elk River, MN
Feb 16, 2011 #306 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

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I am so proud of you for sticking in there, and for all your success! You are truly an inspiration.

As for Ed being at Solid Rock, I noticed he will only be there for two days, not the usual 3 or more. Last time I knew that he was there, he was paid at least \$10,000 for three meetings. I highly doubt if he is going there to raise funds for anyone but himself, or help out in any way. He never has, why would he start now? I actually think it is really sad he would go there and take more of their money when he knows what is going on right now.

Nate
United States
Feb 16, 2011 #307 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Congratulations Andy! That is so awesome, you made my day man!

Chad
Bentonville, AR
Feb 16, 2011 #308 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

@Andrew Way to go man! Yes there is life beyond SRC and a good one!

@Mindy,\$10,000 WOW..I need to become a preacher!

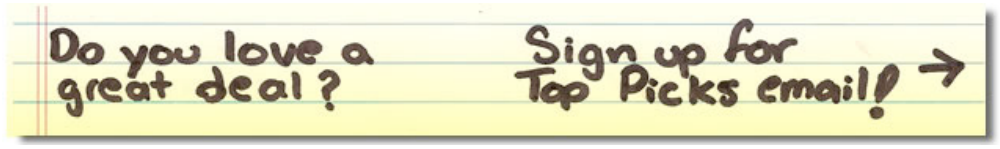
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Stubby wrote:
The prosperity gospel/word of faith movement, in my opinion, is the modern day version of the money changers in the temple. They are selling God's blessing and access to God.

You hit the nail right on the head that's exactly what it is

Susie
Los Angeles, CA
Feb 16, 2011 #310 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

10,000 wow that's a shame that they fleece the flock for their own wants n needs



Dean
Zimmerman, MN
Feb 16, 2011 #311 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

Great Job Andy and Congratulations!

Thanks Mindy for the clarification about Ed Dufrense an his fees to come to SRC. Wow, I had no idea this was going on behind the scenes. Thought it was about freely you have received and freely you shall give, etc. Guess I have been too naive all my life.

Rita
Pequot Lakes, MN
Feb 16, 2011 #312 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)

We should not feel ashamed for having been deceived about the things that were going on. Christ would not have warned His disciples."Take heed ... be not deceived". if it



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...but what makes me not have wanted the discipline, that's not in the scriptures, and were not possible for well-meaning Christians to be deceived.

I came across some interesting statements online while I was studying about cults. You may find this interesting too....

If something is true it can stand being questioned, if it is not true it needs to be questioned. Deception has no place in the Christian church.

Most of the people in cults are very sincere about their beliefs. It is sad that they are sincerely wrong.

Also according to one web site, Christians are more likely to join cults than non-Christians. I don't know if that's really true or not -- or why it would be.

C Love
United States

Feb 16, 2011

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Glad ur home Andrew, congrats on a job well done in the service! I appreciate ur service to our country and keeping us safe.

Nearly destroyed
Minneapolis, MN

Feb 16, 2011

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I was afraid to use my real name before, Not anymore. My name is Gwen Ommart (used to be Olson). When I left SRC I made up an excuse that I was doing it for my kids. Actually I was. They saw the truth way before I did! Shortly after leaving SRC I met an awesome man of God and got married last Valentine's day (2010). Hardly a curse! My life just got better - way better. I experienced freedom. Sad to say though the freedom did not come overnight. I still deal with stuff as a result of going to that "church" for so long. I believed that pastor Matthews was a man of God and stood up for him when I heard others make comments that he may not be as upright as he seems. After all, he was a "Man of God." The Word warns us of those kind of preachers! I do believe that their are many preachers and churches in our community that truly do have an honest love for God and for seeing people see freedom and salvation in their lives. It is sad though that one preacher can hurt so many and turn so many away from God because of the hurt and confusion that he caused. A churches main goal should always be to depopulate hell - not to get the pastor rich so he can fly all over the world first class and stay in 5 star hotels, and get his shirts monogrammed while his staff can't even cash their paychecks and the congregations continues to get flocked! It breaks my heart to know that I gave until it hurt so that souls would be won to Jesus and this man stole it and actually turned people away from Jesus as a result! How sad! The good thing though is that you can not out give God and once the truth is known about where your money is going, to be obedient as to where He really wants you to give. God is and always will be my provider. I'm just glad that I learned the truth and can now sow my money where it is going to be used to win the lost! I was afraid to give my name for fear I would lose friends, but now I see that I have not lost friends, but have found many more, real friends, who really care about me. My email is dandg21410@yahoo.com

Rita
Elk River, MN

Feb 16, 2011

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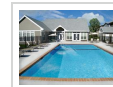
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Gwen, it is great to hear from you and to know that you are doing well. Congratulations on your new marriage. I have remarried too, to an awesome man who loves our God. So, it's true that there is a great future after SRC. God knew. He had plans for us with a hope and a future all along. We just had to follow Him and what we knew in our hearts.

member
Saint Paul, MN

Feb 17, 2011

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"1st of all, keep in mind that it's not for a man that I go to that church, it's for God. 2nd, it was God that placed me there and he hasn't told me to leave. 3rd, Paul was in prison more than anyone and not one of those times was it "justified" that he actually be there. 4th, if every "Christian" bailed on another Christian because the devil attacked them, why would anyone want to become part of the body? Your actual, physical body, when it gets sick, sends white blood cells to destroy the sickness. In hypothermia, other parts of your body will shut down in order to preserve your vital internal organs, just to survive. Your own physical body knows how to help other parts better than some "Christians". 5th, are you blameless? Do you have a right to judge this man and cast the first stone? 6th, I, of all people, know exactly what it feels like to have family and friends leave you based on lies. And never getting them repaired. Some of them will never hear the truth and some of them will never believe the truth. 7th, none of any of the above even matters except #2. God has placed me and my family there and He hasn't told us to leave. And even though the devil attacks, I know GOD is more than able to protect me and my family. Now, I am not angry or defensive, but please understand that it ultimately boils down to where God has placed me. And if I go to any church based on whether or not someone is perfect, I'll never find one. If I only love my children when they get 100% on all their tests, what kind of mother am I? I love my children when they are doing all their work and when they cheat and disobey. So what kind of person would I be if I say I have the love of God in me but only love them when a person is behaving perfectly?

Do you remember Saul and David? David was the next King and God had already removed Saul, but Saul was on the throne. Saul sought after (he literally went after) David to kill him. And David had opportunities to kill Saul too. But David wouldn't touch the man of God, because Saul was still anointed to be on the throne. David knew it was a dangerous thing to go after the man of God. I recognize that I don't want to position myself against God. It may "appear" as one way, but remember it "appeared" the devil had killed Jesus. Then three days later, God's plan and victory was revealed!!!!"

staying on the rock
Minneapolis, MN

Feb 17, 2011

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Amen brother or sister whoever you are. I have been watching this site, and it makes me very sad to think that all these people have been taught the truth, and to toss it all away because of some lies that the devil has stirred up, and is trying to destroy the church. But it will not happen, God will turn this around and there will be victory. I too do not go to church because of any man, I go because God has told me to go there, I am not concerned with the pastor's personal life, that is not my business, that is up to God. I don't have any ill feelings toward anyone who has left, that is their choice. I don't think that pastor is God (I know he is not) as someone had stated, I am not brainwashed, I am not in a cult, I could leave anytime if I wanted to. I am free in my spirit, I can worship God how I want to. I go to church to worship my God, and serve him not man! That is the bottom line

Nate
Saint Paul, MN

Feb 17, 2011

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Judged: 2 1

Not so sure they are all lies, it looked like the STATE had some pretty authentic documents. But, good for you, follow that guy, where ever he may lead you. I test you, ask your spirit, would you marry your daughter in law? Would you steal from your mother in law? Just a thought...

Robin
North Branch, MN

Feb 17, 2011

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Praise God! I'm so happy for both of you (Member & Staying on the rock) and your families that you are looking outside of those closed doors and secretly reading these remarks in the privacy of your own home. I feel you have questions running through

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your mind as we all did at one time. I'm believing you will get the strength to do what so many have for thier spiritual health as well as the good of thier families. It was the most difficult thing I've ever endured but I know it was the right thing to do for me and my family. I am in no way attacking you or picking on you about this. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE.....open your mind & heart, If it doesn't line up with the word of God, it's NOT the word of God.

Chris
Livonia, MI Feb 17, 2011 #320 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
I told you... You stay on your course, I would get more than I ever dreamed of!!!!...LET ME SEE MY KIDS!!!

Nearly destroyed - Gwen
Minneapolis, MN Feb 17, 2011 #321 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
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I do not judge or criticize anyone who chooses to stay at SRC. Where you go to church is between you and God. Many or most of SRC attenders are solid Christians who love God, any many are still friends of mine. I chose to leave and become part of another church, that also is my choice and where I feel God has placed me and I do not want to be judged or criticized for that either. But as Nate stated above, these are not lies, but true facts. He DID pay for his son's divorce and marry his daughter in law who had been living in his home for quite some time before that. Where did he get the money to do all that? I know that when people there give to the Lord, God sees that and honors that. I know because He did for me. But when I give God my tithe and offerings, I want that money to go toward lost, broken, hurting and dying souls - to depopulate hell...not to paying for my pastor's son's divorce so that he can marry his wife! My mom is in a nursing home. I would be livid if I found out that my husband, dad,(or anyone else) took her money that was there to pay for her care and used it for his own agenda! Paul went to prison for preaching Jesus. Pastor Matthews has been charged with a crime, not for preaching Jesus. There is difference there and it saddens me. It is an embarrassment to the body of Christ and really is not a testimony that is going to get people toward Jesus, but away from Him. Sad....

Chris
Livonia, MI Feb 17, 2011 #322 | [Judge it!](#) | [Report Abuse](#) | [Reply »](#)
Oh, by the way.....None of this crap has shipwrecked my faith!!!:-D Have a nice day!

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