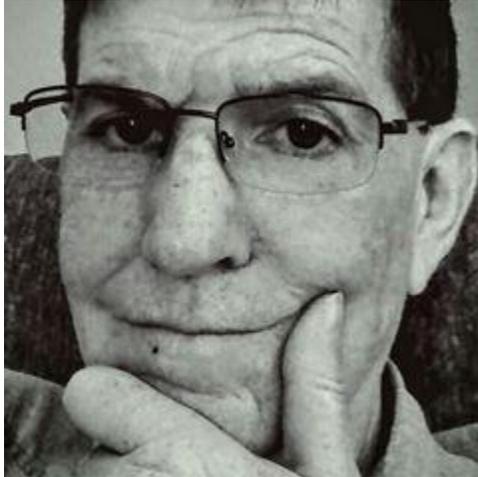


A response to outrageously false allegations against Frank Viola, Jon Zens, Milt Rodriguez, Chris Kirk, Felicity Dale, Keith Giles, Ken Eastburn, Bart Breen, the House2House Network and other individuals. This excommunication letter about Jim Wright is signed by over 35 Christian leaders in May 2013.

## **Jim Wright: A Statement of Warning to the Body of Christ**

**May 2013**



**Jim Wright is the man who runs Crossroad Junction and Nathans Voice, two blogs that are known for defaming ministers.**

**The following letter is written by a number of people who have corrected Jim Wright in private and in public. And it is signed by many others who have witnessed Jim Wright slander people in public forums. You can see their signatures at the bottom of this letter.**

**You can get updated on the trouble Jim Wright has gotten into with the Facebook abuse staff and the law for defaming others at [crossroadjunctionwatch.com](http://crossroadjunctionwatch.com)**

**This letter will be removed once Jim Wright repents and removes the defamation against others from his various blogs.**

It saddens us greatly to have to expose a person's sin in public. However, in the spirit of Matthew 18:15-17, Jesus instructed us to "tell it to the church" when a

person has been lovingly confronted in private for transgressions which are hurting others and the person resolutely refuses to stop sinning.

Jesus also commanded His followers to break fellowship with a person if they will not repent, but instead, insist on hurting others (v. 17).

While Matthew 18 applies to a local situation, the principles that Jesus outlines in that text apply to matters that are more universal in scope.



Many of us have been correcting Jim Wright's misrepresentations, distortions, and slanderous remarks for well over a year now. Mr. Wright has had many opportunities to receive our correction and to repent. But he has instead chosen to continue to defame and malign many members of the body of Christ.

This is not a letter that any of us wished to write. However, seeing that Jim Wright has caused so much harm to the body of Christ, to our friends and to their families, we feel compelled before God to warn all followers of Jesus as Scripture states.

In Titus 3:10, Paul says,

*"Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them."*

In the same spirit, Paul exhorts in Romans 16:17,

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you have learned; *and avoid them.*"

Of course, "the doctrine we have learned" is love. And love always thinks the best of others and treats them the same way we wish to be treated in every situation (Matthew 7:12, also see 1 John).

An Appendix follows this letter which contains letters written by various people in response to Jim Wright, both in private and in public.

Some of us may add an Addendum to this letter in the future should it become necessary. The Addendum will provide further details based on research into Jim Wright's past, showing a pattern of dishonesty, slander, libel, distorting information and publicly defaming genuine servants of the Lord. We will make mention of some of these points in this letter.

### **Jim Wright's Recent Spate of Slanderous Allegations Against a Brother in Christ**

Wright's recent obsession with defaming a particular brother (Frank) that many of us have known personally for almost two decades is the latest example of a trail of individuals that Jim Wright has slandered in the worst possible way.

Note that Mr. Wright doesn't know Frank. He has never met him nor has he ever talked to him on the phone. In fact, Wright didn't even go to our brother to ask open-minded questions before he leveled his smear campaign against him in public. This is a clear violation of Jesus' words in Matthew 18 and a clear violation of love (Matthew 7:12).

Since February 2012, Wright has consistently and deliberately misrepresented our brother's writings in public, along with many of his friends and coworkers (including Jon Z and Milt R). When that didn't work to persuade people against him and his friends, Wright launched a smear campaign designed to assassinate our brother's character with false accusations.

(By the way, our brother does not defend himself against false accusations. So he has been silent as 1 Peter 2:21-23 commands and as Jesus demonstrated. However, he has openly talked to those who have gone to him in private if they had a concern. Also, Frank has done nothing to provoke Wright or anyone else who has been attacking him. The personal attacks have come out of nowhere, unprovoked. They have their origin in a blog post that Frank wrote on frankviola.org on Feb. 13, 2012 called "Beyond Evangelical Part V." Wright took offense at Frank's article and became incensed when he wouldn't keep fighting with him. Wright began his smear campaign against Frank and his friends immediately afterwards.)

Wright's entire narrative about Frank is distorted and filled with outlandish falsehoods. It's a nonsensically unsubstantiated act of character assassination. Here are just some examples:

- \* The accusation of "predation" is not only false and baseless, it's outrageous. It should be noted that proving a negative is impossible. If someone were to post an article on the Internet accusing Jim Wright of doing horrible things to little children in dark alleys, it would be impossible for him to prove this accusation false. The burden of proof, therefore, is always upon the accuser.

- \* Allegations of "sexual exploitation" of an "underage teen" is a blatant and vicious lie.

- \* The accusation of a "cover up" is false.

- \* Wright is basing his false narrative on two letters that Jon (Zens) wrote almost 15 years ago about very old rumors that Jon picked up way back then. After discovering that most of the rumors were inaccurate, Jon recanted both letters. Jon was there at the time and has firsthand knowledge about all the events related to the rumors. Wright knows nothing about it, but simply picked up the rumors on the Web over a decade later. Jon fully endorses our brother Frank and has been working closely with him for over 7 years. Jon and others mentioned all of this to Wright, but Wright has deliberately ignored these important facts. (see Jon Z's letter in the Appendix verifying).

\*Wright has also made mention of a letter written by a church "warning" people against our brother. This is false. The letter Wright is referring to was written over a decade ago and by only a handful of people. It was not written by an entire church. Many of the people who wrote that letter have reconciled with our brother many years ago (see David Leino's letter in the Appendix).

\* The allegation that our brother has some kind of unrepentant sin in his life is blatantly false and it's highly presumptuous for anyone to make such a claim, especially someone who doesn't know the person they are accusing.

\* Wright has implied that our brother was arrested. This is false and absurd. He has never been arrested nor has he ever committed or been accused of committing a crime of any kind. (There *is* a sex offender in Florida who has the same name as our brother's, but with the first and middle names reversed. See <http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/flyer.do?personId=4137> .)

\* Wright has stated for months on his blog and FB page that virtually all of the churches that our brother Frank and his coworkers Milt and Jon have planted or helped have disintegrated or fallen apart. This is completely false. To date - May 2013 - since they have been working together in 2007, there has only been one group that didn't make it. Although that group restarted recently with new people added. The rest - around a dozen - are still gathering and doing well at the time of this writing. And the groups are outwardly focused, not ingrown as Wright falsely claims.

\* The allegation that our brother self-proclaims to be an "apostle," "a church planter," or a "worker" is false. While others may have described him this way in the past, he himself has never called himself anything but a brother in Christ. (Ironically, Mr. Wright self-proclaims himself to be a "church sower" and "elder" - however, Wright is not biblically qualified to be an elder. See [crossroadjunctionwatch.com](http://crossroadjunctionwatch.com) for details.)

\* Wright has accused our brother of never being part of an organic church and writing from theory. This is false. Frank has been part of several organic churches spanning a period of over 20 years. Since 2010, however, he's focused his ministry on helping the poor and the oppressed and building relationships with those who don't know the Lord. This has been a deliberate shift in his ministry and our brother has been very public about this transition - see [frankviola.org/faq](http://frankviola.org/faq)

\* Wright has depicted our brother as a "leader in the organic church movement." This is misleading. While some may still regard him this way who have read his books from 2008, Frank has never defined himself this way, he hasn't written on organic church since 2009, and he has consistently lifted others up as the "go-to" people for organic church.

\* Wright has stated publicly that a particular church that Frank and Milt (Rodriguez) planted together was "shattered" and "fell apart." This was not only false, but it was discounted by several of the members of that very church in a public forum. Even with three witnesses to the contrary of Wright's claims, he never recanted and said his view had "the facts." That particular church has never disbanded and is doing quite well at the time of this writing.

These are just some samples of the willful lies that Jim Wright has spread. They are willful because Wright has been corrected on them countless times by multiple people over the last five months since he launched his hatchet job against our brother. Yet in spite of this, Wright continues to repeat his false narrative.

Many more falsehoods could be listed, but this should suffice in giving you an idea of the profound nature of his libelous allegations.

### **Jim Wright's History of Slandering Others & Employment of Unethical Methods**

This dubious and dishonorable tactic of character assassination has been Jim Wright's pattern with others. For instance:

\* In the last church that Jim Wright was a part of, he spread slander against his pastor and staff after his attempts at getting into the church leadership were rejected. The church excommunicated Wright for the sin of slander and causing division. Jim's slander of the pastor was so severe that the church felt forced to seek legal counsel regarding the situation. As is Wright's pattern, the slander was salacious and scurrilous. On Jim's blog he mentioned that he decided to leave this church – he omits the fact that he was disciplined because of his attacks on others.

\* Previous to that incident, Wright was part of another church where he spread outright lies and distortions about the staff after his attempts at getting into the leadership there were also refused. Two of us spoke to these pastors and heard their sad stories. One of them said, "Jim Wright has caused a lot of trouble for some of the pastors in our community. He distorts and exaggerates."

\* There are other incidences that hit much closer to home with respect to Wright's personal life, but we won't go into them at this time.

\* Last year, Wright made a big deal on his blog and Facebook page about a church "scandal." He claimed that 6 staff members were involved in a sex scandal and that it was a "huge" case, one of the largest of its kind. Some of us did some research and talked to the parties involved and discovered that this was a complete distortion of the facts. There was a lawsuit, but it wasn't "huge." It didn't involve 6 staff members. It only involved 1 staff member and it was not about a sex scandal, but about an issue of employment discrimination.

\* We have asked Wright several times who is accountable to and he has offered no names. According to Donovan Bates, who has visited Wright's home group as late as last year (made up of 8-10 people at the time), there do not appear to be any elders who Wright is accountable to. This is ironic as Wright has made a big deal about "accountability," and the brother he is presently accusing is submitted to a number of Christian leaders who he has known for almost 20 years. (They are mentioned in David L's letter).

\* Wright often uses the plural "we" when he writes his slanderous allegations against others. But only Wright's name appears at the end of these documents. It appears that it is simply Wright himself who is making these charges. If there are others who are behind Jim's accusations, who and where are they?

\* Donovan Bates has gone on record saying that ever since he has known Jim Wright (2006), he has never known him to apologize, admit to any wrong doing (even when confronted directly with it), and has never taken responsibility or ownership for anything he has done wrong. We all have observed the same thing. This is an indication of an unchecked ego and the sin of pride.

\* We have evidence that demonstrates that Wright has rewritten history by revising blog posts he had written years ago when caught in a lie as well as writing recent blog posts and time-stamping them with an earlier date to give the appearance that his stories are consistent. We have evidence that he wrote a post in 2013, but time-stamped it to 2009 to make it appear that it was written in the past. This is deceptive and misleading.

\* Wright often references a "victim's support ministry" blog that "confirms" Wright's false misrepresentations of others (it's named after Nathan, the Old Testament prophet). However, Wright himself created and manages this "support ministry" blog. Wright's presentation of this "support ministry" blog as a source of objective information and "confirmation" of his accusations is misleading and deceptive. Further, there is no evidence of a board of directors or other organizational reality to this ministry. It appears to be simply Jim Wright himself.

\* Since 2012, Wright has been banned from at least 7 Christian Facebook groups for harassing, misrepresenting, and maligning other Christians.

\* We have evidence to demonstrate that Jim Wright has created fake Facebook accounts and used them to join the Facebook groups from which he has been banned: namely, *Joe Ashton* and *Adam Bartmann*.

\*Keith Smith, and his wife Jeanne Elder Smith, have been the only allies of Wright in his attempts to defame others. Neither of them know the people they have defamed. Keith Smith is a known liar and fraud who faked his academic credentials - see [crossroadjunction.com](http://crossroadjunction.com) for details. The Smiths have also been banned from various Facebook groups and we have evidence to demonstrate that they have created fake Facebook accounts which have been used to raise money for the Smith's ministry and to disparage other Christians on Facebook. We believe those fake aliases to be:

*Tricia Lopez - Ann Clarkson - Lindee Lind - Adam Donahue - Tom Moore - Christina Swansea - Elijah Moon - Florian Jager (and there are likely others)*

After this exposure of the Smith's deception, we expect some of these fake Facebook aliases to be removed. But if you are Facebook friends with any of these characters, they are not real people and their intentions have been malicious.

### **How to Deal with a Slanderer According to the Bible**

The Scripture is clear that slander is just as serious as a sin as the other works of the flesh listed in the New Testament (murder, adultery, etc.) – all of which bar one from inheriting the kingdom of God if not repented of (see Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

Also, to spread slander or provide a venue for it is to participate in this sin.

Thus we are writing this letter with heavy hearts to warn the body of Christ about Jim Wright in the spirit of Matthew 18:15-17, Titus 3:10, and Romans 16:17.

It is possible that one of you will become the next victim of Wright's consistent pattern of operating as a smear merchant.

Please understand that we have only touched the tip of the iceberg in the amount of falsehoods and distortions that Jim Wright has been spreading and has been confronted about. If we detailed them all, this would be an incredibly long letter.

Social media experts often say, "don't feed the trolls. It only keeps them going and makes them look credible." (A troll is someone who uses the Internet to stir up trouble, spread gossip and slander, and defame people.)

As one person remarked who observed Wright make sordid allegations on a Facebook group, a person stops performing when he has no audience.

**In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, therefore, we beseech all of God's people to not give Jim Wright an audience for his persistent lies against members of the body of Christ. Many people have defriended him from Facebook because they are tired of being poisoned by his slander against others.**

**Until Jim Wright repents and willingly removes his slanderous blog posts and websites, we will leave this warning up. We also will not give him an ear to his slander nor will we engage him. We encourage you to do the same as Scripture instructs:**

"Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, ***have nothing to do with them.***" Titus 3:10

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you have learned [love], ***and avoid them.***" Romans 16:17

If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, ***tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.*** Matthew 18:15-17

"There are six things the LORD hates – no, seven things he detests . . . ***a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.***" Proverbs 6:16,19

"Malign no one" (NASB); "speak evil of no one" (KJV); "slander no one" (NIV). Titus 3:2

The following Appendix contains:

- \* a public statement by **Tony and Felicity (Dale)** on the matter.
- \* the private letter written to Wright by Jon Z. and Bart B., urging him to repent (per Matthew 18) and letting him know that if he refused, we would be forced to write this public letter.
- \* a public comment correcting Mr. Wright's false allegations by David L. - a man who has known Frank closely since 1994.
- \* a public comment correcting Wright in public by Jon Z.
- \* Bart Breen's expose of Jim Wright's history of slandering others and unethical methods.
- \* Catherine Seebald's documentation of banning Jim Wright and Keith Smith from her Facebook group and being intimidated and bullied as a result (including being called a "witch" and a "Jezebel").
- \* A witness statement by Jayne Otterson.
- \* a contact email

Sincerely in Christ,

**Jon Zens**  
**Dotty Zens**  
**Hal Miller**  
**Milt Rodriguez**  
**Mary Rodriguez**  
**Ross Rohde**  
**Keith Giles**  
**Ken Eastburn**  
**David Flowers**  
**Jamal Jivanjee**  
**Tim Price**  
**Kat Huff**  
**Christopher Kirk**  
**David (Ransom) Backus**  
**Stephanie Bennett**

**Earl Bennett  
Donavan Bates  
Leah Randall  
Catherine Seebald  
Brenda Valdez  
Toby Valdez  
Bart Breen  
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David Leino  
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Jeanne Schlumbohm  
Craig Schlumbohm  
Jayne Otterson  
Alan Levine  
Frank Valdez  
David Hoopingarner  
Jean DiNatale  
Lisa Miller  
James Goen  
Jim Wehde  
Greg Carlet  
Jeff Rhodes**

### **Appendix 1: Public Statement by Tony and Felicity Dale**

We are deeply saddened by the division and disrepute that Jim Wright has recently brought on the body of Christ through his accusations against Frank.

When Jim reached out to us earlier this year to engage in conversation about organic church, we were willing to do so because we were encouraged by his work amongst the poor and disadvantaged, but we also had some cautions because we were also aware that he seemed to have a personal vendetta against Frank.

We let him know that Frank is a long-standing friend of ours whom we love and respect. Jim's response to this was an email attacking Frank in completely unsubstantiated ways and alleging that we effectively aided and abetted a pattern

of sin by willingly promoting Frank at various House2House conferences where we had arranged for Frank to speak.

First Timothy 5 is clear that you do not entertain accusations against church leaders except on the clear evidence of two or three witnesses. Jim Wright has made public allegations that have little to no substantiation that we have seen. We believe Frank when he tells us that any incident was thoroughly and scripturally dealt with many years ago. Others whom we trust (some of whom have signed the letter above) verify this. Jim has no authority to say what he is saying and we intensely dislike his public insinuations and innuendo that from our point of view amount to an unwarranted and sinful smear campaign against a friend of ours.

Frank has always been open to us and we respect and value that openness. We stand with Frank. We value his contributions to the body of Christ and are proud to call him our friend.

Tony and Felicity

## **Appendix 2: Private Letter to Jim Wright by Bart Breen & Jon Zens**

May 10, 2013

Dear Mr. Wright:

This letter represents the position of many of the people with whom I'm in contact with about this particular situation.

The letter serves as a last attempt to communicate with you regarding the grievous sin that you continue to commit against various members of the body of Christ by making false accusations against them online and in the realm of social media. This dishonest tactic also produces the effect of creating divisions among believers, something that Scripture condemns.

For at least a year, you have grossly misrepresented some brothers and sisters repeatedly, painting a false picture with an obvious goal. When those misrepresentations didn't appear to work in persuading people, you waged a

smear campaign made up of distorted allegations that were based on letters you read from over a decade ago – two of which Jon wrote and recanted shortly thereafter – and one letter written by a handful of people, most of whom have since reconciled with the brother you are defaming.

Mr. Wright, the public should not, and by and large, it *has not* listened to you. Most Christians are wise to the fact that you leave behind yourself a trail of falsehoods about various members of the body of Christ. We have researched your history (which is ongoing) and we have uncovered a consistent pattern of slander, distortion, and false allegations against numerous people in your past.

Paul said that a person who acts like you have been behaving should be rejected after several admonitions (Titus 3 & Romans 16). In addition, Jesus said that if a person is confronted with their sin privately and they do not repent (= stop) after others have gone to them in private also, the sin should be exposed to the church.

Over the course of the last year, you have been corrected both privately and publicly by over a dozen people for spreading lies and distortions about others whom you do not know personally. You have ignored all of their corrections, and then gone on to deny that anyone has ever corrected you.

This letter is a private correction before your sins are made public according to the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 18.

In recent months, David L. (a member of one of the churches you attempted to use as a witness to your claims from over a decade ago), Milt R., myself, and many others that could be named have corrected your distortions and fabrications in social media forums.

In addition, Hal Miller, Felicity and Tony (Dale), Milt and I have known the brother you have been seeking to defame for many years (some of us for almost 20 years). And your characterization of him – a person whom you do not know personally – is not out only false and slanderous, but it is outrageous.

You may not be in touch with this, but you have already lost credibility with many people. We have been getting an ongoing stream of emails from various people

telling us that you are a deceitful person who is obsessed with damning others whom you do not know with the worst kinds of smears.

Many regard you to be an “internet troll,” seeking to destroy others with distortions and false allegations. Some have even suggested that you are mentally ill, because you keep repeating lies after eye-witnesses to various events you claim to have knowledge of have refuted your claims repeatedly. For this reason you have been banned by numerous Christian Facebook groups over the last year and a half.

Keith Smith appears to be your accomplice and he too is being corrected in this letter. We have proof that “Tricia Lopez” is a fake Facebook account used by the Smith’s to defame others online and come to your defense to back up and encourage your falsehoods. We are also acquiring evidence that the Smiths have used other Facebook accounts as false aliases.

These fake Facebook accounts have also been used to raise money for the Smiths, another dishonest tactic.

On April 30, 2013, after recently smearing a brother in the worst way, you had the gall to write us and announce, “we believe it is necessary to now move forward with confirmation that there have been other instances of grooming, predation and sexual exploitation by you – which have involved more than one teenager.”

Several people who personally know the brother whom you’ve made this outlandish accusation against have already refuted you on it. But worse, we (Bart and Jon), Hal Miller, Milt R., Felicity and Tony D. and Frank read the letter that Keith Smith wrote which makes further groundless accusations.

After reading that letter, there was no question in our minds that Keith fabricated his story and that his alleged “witness” is fake. (We have knowledge about what the Smith’s were doing around 2004, and what is described in the letter is not one of them.)

It would be very easy to demonstrate that Keith’s letter is a lie and we are keeping it on file should it appear in a different form in the future.

This act of utter dishonesty illustrates how far you will go in your obsession to try to defame another person – a person, mind you, whom neither of you knows personally. You will even stoop to accepting or creating a false, tabloid-like testimony as “proof” of wrongdoing.

In light of your repeated slander against our brother, ignoring the truth that has been set before you many times by multiple witnesses who know him, and your stated intention to parade more lies in the public eye, we are giving you until May 15, 2013 to take down the websites that contain the libel.

We plead with you to stop seeking to defame another brother in the Lord who we know and endorse.

In the event that you are not willing to comply with this request, we will issue a public letter, signed by many brothers and sisters in Christ – including leaders in the organic church movement and those to whom Frank is accountable -- that will document your and Keith/Jeanne Smith’s patterns of divisiveness, slander, attack, and duplicity over the years.

This public letter will be distributed everywhere you have posted your defamatory statements and published on a website that will be shown to all who are concerned or confused. The letter will be detailed in its historical scope and it will document your devious patterns.

For your sake, we hope that you will do what we have requested, showing fruits worthy of repentance. Our desire is to see you and the Smith’s turn away from the evil you have set out to do. You will only continue to hurt others, but mostly yourselves, by continuing down this path.

Sincerely,

Bart Breen, Jon Zens

**Appendix 3: David L's response to Jim Wright's slander on April 30, 2013 to various Facebook groups where Wright was spreading his slander. David's comment was deleted from "House Church Network" which was moderated by a non-person, "Tricia Lopez," at the time.**

To the readers of these Facebook groups.

Much gossip and slander and 'busybodying,' not at all in line with the life of Christ, has been spread recently to hurt our very own brothers. It is a shame that many feel this is ok, especially from those not involved, but who instead insert themselves in other people lives, as is the definition of a busybody. Paul warns of the destructive nature of this in his epistles. I write this note to offer eyewitness and firsthand account of the author Frank.

I have known Frank since I was a high school student in his very classroom back in 1994. I was a member of the very first church he planted in Brandon, FL. I was there from the beginning and all the way to its ending. I am also part of the church he and Milt R. and Jon Z. have planted in North Florida.

Again, I was there from the very beginning all the way to this present day. I have watched him over the years and learned a great many things from him. I have learned countless precious things about our Lord, Jesus, through this man. I have learned a great many things of what to do, and perhaps a even a few things of what not to do. He has shared into my life for the better part of 20 years.

That's nearly two decades, folks! Of course I have seen weaknesses and failures. Frank never once in the twenty years I've known him has ever claimed to be a perfect individual with little need for Christ.

Truth is quite the opposite, indeed He has only ever claimed his inability to live the life of Christ and has always stated his need for the working of Christ to live the Christian life in any positive capacity. It's the same for his writings and ministry. I have been impressed over the years as to the tenacity this man pursues our Lord and his tireless efforts at sharing Christ with others.

There is another man, by the name Jim Wright, who is speaking very terrible things about Frank and spreading slanderous and even evil words.

In all the years I have known Frank, I have never even met Jim. I have never seen Jim in any of our church meetings. I had never even heard of this man until he started to make all kinds of false accusations. As a person who has spent nearly

20 years with Frank and living in the churches that Frank helped to establish, I am bewildered as to how this man can even act like he knows anything about Frank.

Jim Wright doesn't know Frank. Period. Any claims he is making and any involvement into the activities of Frank is the very definition of a 'busybody.' This is a serious transgression against our brother.

Many of the concerns from 13 years ago were actually because Frank was working with and learning from an older church planter. Frank had actually broken ties to this older church planter over a decade ago. So, these concerns don't matter anymore and are moot.

Wright uses a very old letter to make any claim that he knows anything about Frank. This letter is something I know of very well. This letter claims to be from the whole church in Brandon, but it definitely isn't. Really, this letter was from a bitter individual who coerced several people to join in. I leave names out to preserve the dignity of those involved who have reconciled and moved on. I don't have the heart to bring up old pains. I am even still in relationship with some of the ones who are responsible for such a thing.

Most of these people have reconciled with Frank and have even apologized for their own involvement. Many have moved on with their lives in a very positive direction. In fact, I am only aware of a few who refused to be reconciled with Frank when he made many attempts at reaching out to them. I would even be willing to engage them directly if they are still living back in the old days, and I know Frank's heart in this.

He would love to be reconciled and would engage them directly. Almost everyone has reconciled or moved on in a healthy way from the early Brandon days. This letter is well over a decade old and already dealt with appropriately. It's high time to get back to the business of knowing Christ.

Wright is also making other outrageous allegations and he would have to create false witnesses to support it. I know everyone from Frank's past and people who had axes to grind with him, and if anyone claims to be a witness for Wright, I am more than happy to engage them directly.

Also, Wright claims Frank is not submitted to anyone but himself. This is far from the truth. I know many people with whom Frank is voluntarily and purposefully submitted and who also know him well. These are people I respect greatly such as Felicity D., Tony D., Hal M., Jon Z., Milt R. and, of course, Frank's own wife.

Another claim into the life of Frank, by Wright, is also a very old letter that Jon Z. wrote almost a decade ago that he later recanted. Frank and Jon have been working together as coworkers for many years.

If that isn't telling, I don't know what could be more obvious. They are on such good terms that they have been ministering together for years. I can personally witness to these facts. Jon Z. can also witness to the facts and was involved, and I tell you everything Jon Z. says is accurate. If they can work together for the Lord, again I say, it is high time to get back to the business of knowing Christ.

After all of these years, after all of the accomplishments, after all of the failures, seeing Frank learn from these things and still seeking Christ and His life, I gotta say, I am more impressed with him now than ever. I am impressed because he is teachable and corrects things in his own life to continue to pursue the Lord.

I've also watched how he corrected things in his ministry and how he has planted churches and allows Christ to adjust the way he does things. This is what is needed in Christianity. He has always been willing to yield to the discipline of Christ and continue on with Jesus' life when so many others have left Christ for their own stubborn pursuits. He is still striving to know Christ and share Him with others.

I am impressed at Frank's character over these years and commend him to anyone. His writings also point only towards Christ and are written out of experience, yes gruesome experience even, and not just mere intellectual theory. This is also something that is very needed today. I cannot recommend a stranger any more than I want to destroy a stranger's life.

But I am willing to recommend Frank as a brother whom I have known for nearly 20 years and I am indebted to the amount of time he has spent laboring with his life and establishing Christ in me and those of us he has worked with. I cannot suggest strongly enough how important and needed his writings are to

Christianity today. If you haven't read them, you must! You will most certainly see new things in Christ.

Now then, since Jim Wright is so determined to destroy others publicly, I ask Jim to lead by example and publish all of your sins before everybody on Facebook.

Instead of knowing the flesh, once more, it's high time to get back to the business of knowing Christ.

**Appendix 4: Jon Z's response to Jim Wright on several Facebook groups posted April 27, 2013. It was deleted from "House Church Network" which was moderated by the fake persona, "Tricia Lopez" at the time.**

I am not writing to Jim Wright as Titus 3:10 tells us to ignore a brother after he's been warned 2x for creating division, which Jim is doing by spreading lies. This is for everyone else reading this thread. I think it's important for people to know a few things. I was intimately involved in the church in Brandon over a decade ago. I first believed many of the rumors, but when I got the whole story, I changed my position. That was over a decade ago. Wright wasn't there or involved. Remember, I have been co-working with Frank for 7 years. That should tell you something.

If anyone doubts this, they can contact David who was part of the group in Brandon and North Florida (right now) as I believe he is in this group. But he is on Facebook so anyone can send him a message. He can confirm everything I am saying here from a firsthand perspective. Jim and Keith not only do not know Frank, but they have no personal knowledge of any of these events.

Again, the mistake Frank made 13 years ago have been fully dealt with by Frank and others (including myself who was there at the time) at that time - 13 years ago. Frank has never denied that he committed an indiscretion 13 years ago - which Keith and Jim are lying about. He repented of it way back then and everyone has since moved on. I witnessed firsthand Frank make reconciliations and apologies from the past. He's been forthright about it to anyone who has inquired directly to him over the years, even now. But what happened 13 years ago has been distorted and greatly exaggerated. For instance, there was no "sexual relationship." There was no adultery. No arrest, no "cover up", etc. And

the more outrageous charges are not only false, but ridiculous and baseless.

Jim has willfully lied about these things -- because I and others who were there -- have corrected him on them. We also know Frank's character. Jim's facts are so distorted you cannot trust one word of what he says. If I responded to each allegation, it would be a small book. Frank isn't "hiding" anything and he isn't hiding at all. He's been open to talk to everyone who has come to him with concerns. But he's not going to defend himself against false accusations -- which the Bible instructs -- nor is he going to get down in the mud and touch the tar.

If anyone from 13 years ago still has an issue with Frank, they need to go to Frank directly as the Bible clearly teaches. To do otherwise, is to sin. This would include a alleged "victim" as Jim is putting it. Jesus made that plain. I point to my 2007 article on slander and gossip and how to recognize and handle it:

<http://searchingtogether.org/articles/gossip.htm>

I know Frank personally and very well, and he keeps short accounts. So if someone has a problem with him in the present or from the past, he wants to make things right and they should come to him. This is the clear teaching of the Bible.

Now let me point out what's really going on here and expose the pink elephant in the room.

Keith Smith, you are making all of these accusations against Frank and about the grace of God, why don't you tell us about your past involving Jeanne? Where is that in the public sphere? If you deny it, then others can easily make it public.

Follow your own advice here about telling the world about past sins that happened many years ago. I know what happened with you and so do many others. I wouldn't bring this up except that you have had the audacity to accuse a brother you don't know falsely in public.

In fact, I don't know anyone who demands that a person's past failures be disclosed to the world when repentance has already occurred. Where are all of Jim Wright's sins listed on his blog? All a person will read on Jim's blog is a consistent pattern of trashing of others he doesn't know, and the consistent lifting of himself up. The sin of pride is displayed there but not repented of.

Philip Yancey said, "some Christians get very angry with other Christians who sin differently than they do." Jim Wright and Keith Smith suffer from this hypocritical disease. They are guilty of lying and spreading slander, and sowing seeds of discord, all things that the Lord hates and that are part of the works of the flesh, listed with adultery, fornication, etc. In Paul's letters.

And Keith/Jeanne Smith, why haven't you repented publicly of creating fake Facebook accounts using Tricia Lopez, Ann Clarkson, Lindee Lind, and other fake people which is a violation of Facebook rules to deceive the saints, using them to slander God's people?

That is a very public sin, Keith. So it should be confessed publicly and that is a recent sin, Keith. Where is your repentance of that? We are all waiting. I'm thankful that Jim Wright and Keith Smith have lost all credibility with most of God's people because they have proven themselves to be untruthful. If they both repent, there is forgiveness.

By the emails I'm getting, more and more people are seeing what's going on and are wising up to this. It's only making Jim and Keith look very bad. Oh, and let me add, Jim is guilty of libel, so anyone who joins him in his lies needs to give careful consideration if they want to be involved in this crime.

You also may wish to know that I have personally talked to some church leaders whom Jim has harassed with falsehoods, and they see in this a pattern in Jim. His constant verbal abuse of others has also gotten him kicked off and banned from a number of Christian Facebook groups, which showed great wisdom by the moderators. Titus 3:10 and Romans 16:17 are clear about this.

I believe this should expose what's going on. If Jim and Keith persist and do not repent, there will be much more to come as some researchers are now investigating why it is that Jim and Keith seem so obsessed about unreliable rumors of sexual misconduct by people they have never met. The pattern manifested is usually always the same.

There has been some veiled threat about "court records". There would be nothing in any court record that would prove an allegation that Frank or I have denied. Frank was never arrested in his life, for instance.

## **Appendix 5: Bart Breen Exposes Jim Wright's Unethical Methods, Manipulation, Bullying, and History of Lies and Slander Against Others.**

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**Appendix 6: Jim Wright's Bullying After Being Banned from a Christian Facebook Group.** [A PDF conversation from Catherine Seebald who banned Wright and Keith Smith from her Facebook group.](#) Catherine saved the screen shots where she was bullied and intimidated via some of the fake Facebook accounts mentioned previously.

## **Appendix 7: Witness statement by Jayne Otterson About Jim Wright's Banning from Christian Facebook Groups**

For the past two years, I witnessed Jim Wright viciously bite and attempt to devour the body of Christ through his blog and in every Facebook group where he was a member. His words are cutting, divisive, deliberate, demeaning and slanderous, also destructive to the peace and rest of the saints in Christ. I have been shocked by his outright hatred of the saints and his arrogant pride with which he lifts himself up by trampling down others.

Jim Wright's caustic behavior made me shutter, so whenever a group allowed him to join, I would promptly choose to leave those groups. I also defriended him on Facebook. However, from time to time, I would check on his activities. I noticed that his hatred and slanderous public statements about some dear brothers and sisters in Christ was rapidly increasing into an extreme and serious state. Due to what I witnessed online by Mr. Wright I became greatly concerned for the body of Christ, and this is when I decided to rejoin a group to better watch his activities among the saints online.

This group was titled "House Church Network." It was there that I began to suspect that Jean and Keith Smith, and also along with their fake profiles, were working with Jim in an obvious and organized effort to destroy certain saints.

Please know that it was only the leading of Christ that helped me to discern what was happening. Yet, I was amazed at how obviously ill willed, deceptive and conniving their comments were written, as if they had actually rehearsed the

conversation in a plan to deceive others by their lies and slander about some brothers and a sister in Christ with their obvious envy and strife. I wondered why more people were not standing up against Mr. Jim Wright and his two partners, Keith and Jeanne Smith.

Eventually, the slanderous attacks and outright abuse of the saints escalated far out of control, and that is when I finally witnessed that more people in the body of Christ began to rebuke and reprove Jim Wright, also Keith and Jeanne Smith. It is with a deep sigh of relief that I now see that the body has fully come together to expose these Cyber-bullies of the saints. Thus, it is my great pleasure to sign this letter in hope to protect others from Jim and his cronies. May this public sin be stopped by all the saints uniting and standing together, by the power of Christ in us, to the glory of our Father and His beloved Son who lives in us. Father's pleasure be done!

Sincerely,  
Jayne Otterson

### Other Links

[Jim Wright's History of Defamation and Multiple Excommunications](#)

[Jim Wright's History of Fabricating Sex Scandals](#)

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