

Will Lt. Gov. Randy McNally and the Tennessee Supreme Court protect Grace Chapel Church from the child sex abuse allegations of 11-year old Gracie Solomon? Do Lt. Gov. Randy McNally and the Tennessee Supreme Court know about another 11-year old child who was sexually abused by another father within the Christ Presbyterian Academy community which was previously led by Pastor Charles McGowan of the McGowan Global Institute? The new child sex abuse case was not committed by protected child-molester, John Perry, who is also a father within the Christ Presbyterian Academy community.

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Grace Chapel restructures in wake of controversial founding pastor's departure



Grace Chapel Pastor Steve Berger delivers the invocation during the inauguration of Bill Lee as the 50th governor of Tennessee at War Memorial Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn., Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019.

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Ex-Christ Pres Pastor Charles McGowan – McGowan Global Institute



Ex-Christ Pres Asst Pastor Scotty Smith – McGowan Global Institute

Judge Cheryl Blackburn abused her judicial authority by threatening child sex abuse whistleblower, Austin Davis, for attempting to testify about the Nashville child sex abuse spider web, and the alleged rape of a 6th grade Brentwood Academy student, and Christ Presbyterian Academy father, John Perry, a protected child-molester. Question: As a result of protecting Trial Judge Steve Dozier and child-molester John Perry, did Judge Cheryl Blackburn contribute to the sexual abuse of another 11-year old child by another Christ Presbyterian Academy father which began in May 2018, a month after the court exchange occurred below in April 2018?



April 6, 2018 - Judge Cheryl Blackburn – Court Transcript Excerpts

Austin Davis: I was trying to communicate to people about a child sex abuse cover-up and its connection to the rape of a, an alleged rape of a sixth grade student.

Judge Cheryl Blackburn: Okay, Mr. Davis, that is an issue I think that has gotten you in a lot of trouble.

Austin Davis: It shouldn't... Well, the DA's office should be prosecuting child molesters instead of covering them up.

Austin Davis: There's a molester living on Belle Meade Boulevard about twelve doors away from--.

Austin Davis: She's asking me why, because I don't want to be shackled on that issue.

Judge Cheryl Blackburn: Okay. Well. You're going to be shackled on that issue, one way or another, and that would be by me telling you something or I'm going to put you in jail again."

Austin Davis: So the state wants us not, the citizens not talk about child sex abuse if we know where a molester is?

Austin Davis: It's called First Amendment freedom of speech. You just have a right to speak.

Judge Cheryl Blackburn: Well, in this particular issue, you don't have a First Amendment freedom of speech.

Austin Davis: Okay. That's good to clarify.

See full transcript: <https://www.keepandshare.com/doc15/22554/2018-1b-april-6-brad-gioia-austin-davis-sworn-court-testimony?da=y>

Per the Davidson County Criminal Court Clerk records, an 11 -13 year old child was molested 10-15 times by a father in the Christ Presbyterian Academy school community. (*Christ Presbyterian Academy is not cited in the clerk records*). Will the Tennessee Supreme Court deny the Rule 11 application of Willie Austin Davis to protect Christ Presbyterian Church, Christ Presbyterian Academy, Judge Cheryl Blackburn, Judge Steve Dozier, protected child-molester John Perry, and a new child sex abuse case committed by another father within the Christ Presbyterian Academy community? To review court motions, videos, recordings, and additional information, please visit The Silent Bell web site: <https://www.thesilentbell.org/>



Pictured in the courtroom at the Supreme Court Building in Nashville are, seated: Chief Justice Jeffrey S. Bivins; standing: Justice Holly Kirby, Justice Cornelia A. Clark (departed), Justice Sharon G. Lee, and Justice Roger A. Page.

Grace Chapel restructures in wake of founding pastor's departure

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A high-profile church in Franklin will remove any remaining power from its founding pastor who has been at the center of several public controversies, including his trip to Washington, D.C. on Jan. 6.

Grace Chapel — whose members have included Gov. Bill Lee — announced Oct. 25 that it is adopting several recommendations that it received from a third-party consultant to restructure church governance.

The announcement follows conflict over Steve Berger's leadership style and political advocacy. The church handled the disagreements privately for months until it blew up in a contentious church service on Aug. 29.

Grace Chapel's decision to partner with the third-party consultant and the announcement about the consultant's recommendations is an effort to move past everything.

"There was trust and, specifically, of the leadership and eldership of Grace Chapel, that had been broken," Rob Rogers, Grace Chapel's senior pastor, said in an interview. "One of the biggest things we wanted to do was to make sure that people who call Grace Chapel home that they can have confidence in whatever decisions were being made going forward."

Berger, who had already severed all formal ties with Grace Chapel before the church's Oct. 25 announcement, declined to comment in a phone call Friday with The Tennessean.

Berger founded the nondenominational Grace Chapel in 1994.

A private conflict becomes public

The recent strife in Grace Chapel started in late January when Berger announced he was stepping down from his role as senior pastor to launch a non-profit whose mission is to "impact influencers" with a seeming focus on political activism in Washington D.C.

Berger would no longer be managing the church's day-to-day operations, though he would remain on the board of elders, he said at the time.

Right before Berger's announcement, the pastor traveled to Washington D.C. on Jan. 6, the day rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol.

Berger said he was back in his hotel room before the riot broke out and that he denounced the violence, but shared false claims that supporters of the anti-fascist protest movement, antifa were the instigators. Berger later apologized for repeating the antifa claims.

He criticized the media's coverage of his trip to the nation's capital during church services.

For years, Berger has been a vocal proponent of Republican politicians and ideas, including delivering the invocation at Lee's inauguration in 2019 and filming an endorsement video for Sen. Bill Hagerty last July.

Mark Bright, Grace Chapel's former executive pastor, told The Tennessean that Berger stepping down from his senior pastor role was unrelated to news about Berger's trip to D.C. But Berger's politically inspired behavior was a point of contention between Berger and



ABOVE: Grace Chapel Pastor Steve Berger delivers the invocation during the inauguration of Bill Lee as the 50th governor of Tennessee at War Memorial Auditorium in Nashville on Jan. 19, 2019. ANDREW NELLES / THE TENNESSEAN



REPUBLICAN U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE BILL HAGERTY AND U.S. SEN. MARSHA BLACKBURN, R-TENN., WAVE TO SUPPORTERS AT HIS ELECTION NIGHT WATCH PARTY AUG. 6, 2020 IN GALLATIN, TENN. GEORGE WALKER IV / THE TENNESSEAN

church senior leadership, Rogers said.

In the months after the announcement about Berger's transition, Rogers sent an email to the board of elders calling Berger a "extremist pastor," according to the statement that Grace Chapel posted Oct. 25, later addressing the matter.

Rogers and other leaders in the church have refrained from sharing most details about their private disputes with Berger. But it led to Bright resigning and Rogers offering to resign. The board would later reinstate Rogers, according to information at an Aug. 29 church service.

Rogers shared with The Tennessean that he and Bright had resigned "under duress," a detail Rogers had not previously shared with the congregation.

Then, at that Aug. 29 church service, members of the board of elders and Rogers spoke to address the conflict between Berger and the church's senior leadership team that was previously private.

As Rogers was speaking, a member of the congregation interrupted the pastor and spoke in support of Berger, who was in the audience, according to video recordings of the service. Grace Chapel has not made its recording of the service

publicly available.

An elder tried to quell the first disruption in the service, only to be followed by Berger's wife, Sarah, who took the mic and spoke critically of Rogers and Bright.

"He (Rogers) didn't repent for sinning against my husband. So, from the very inception of this transition, it has been made manifestly evident that there's an endeavor to cancel the founding pastor of Grace Chapel," Sarah Berger said, according to video of the service.

As Sarah Berger was speaking, Grace Chapel cut off its livestream of the service. Afterward, the church released a statement saying it stands by Rogers. The next day, Berger announced on social media that he resigned from Grace Chapel's board of elders, effectively severing his remaining ties with the church.

Changing church governance

Within the week after the Aug. 29 service, Grace Chapel partnered with McGowan Global Institute, a consulting firm, to review the church's bylaws. McGowan's review resulted in a 28-page report, the key details of which the church communicated to its members in the Oct. 25 announcement, Rogers said.

The existing bylaws that Grace Chapel is now revising are modeled on a "founding pastor structure" that gave Berger "a high level of authority and control," Rogers described.

For example, the existing bylaws state that in the event Berger is unable to serve as pastor, the board of elders could appoint a new pastor, but still not without Berger's approval, according to a copy of the bylaws that the church adopted in 2013 that The Tennessean obtained.

Also, the bylaws state that the board of elders could terminate any staff member of the church "except that of the pastor."

The changes that Grace Chapel is in the process of making to the bylaws still allows the senior pastor role to have significant authority, but the board of elders and financial advisory board will also have more autonomy than they did before.

Rogers hopes that overall, the changes and the church's decision to partner with McGowan will demonstrate to its members that the church is proceeding in a "healthy" way.

"In American culture today, there is a tainted view of the American evangelical church. One of the things that has caused that is essentially where you have these very visible leaders, very charismatic leaders and pastors and there are things that are revealed or come out about an individual that causes people to become disillusioned about the church," Rogers said.

He added, "One of the things that is helpful about the new structure is because there is a much higher level of accountability for leadership, it preemptively lowers the chances of that happening."

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Sent: Thu, Oct 28, 2021 4:06 pm

Subject: Gov. Bill Lee - Grace Chapel - McGowan Global Institute - Alleged Child Sex Abuse And Murder Cover-Ups?

Has Lt. Gov. Randy McNally responded?

Dear Lt. Gov. Randy McNally:

Based upon numerous cease and desist letters sent to silence me and supporters of Gracie and Grant Solomon, it is my opinion that Grace Chapel Leaders, Christ Presbyterian Church Leaders, and the McGowan Global Institute are now possibly involved in potential criminal activity. This possible criminal activity is taking place as the Tennessee Supreme Court reviews my Rule 11 application, which includes information of public interest pertaining to WSMV TV, two alleged Mann Act Federal crime cover-ups, and the alleged murder of Grant Solomon in Gallatin.

Gov. Bill Lee, First Lady Maria Lee, Mr. Richard Anderson, and Dr. Charles McGowan were all members of the Christ Presbyterian Academy (CPA) community of families when Gov. Bill Lee's four children attended CPA, along with one of protected child molester John Perry's children. *(Note: I was also a member of Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) in 1988 when Pastor Charles McGowan was called to serve as CPC senior minister, and I know that First Lady Maria Lee was a former CPA teacher and former CPC girls youth ministry leader; and I know that Mr. Richard Anderson was the former CPA Headmaster, and is now the current Grace Christian Academy High School Principal where Grant and Gracie Solomon previously attended school.)*

Gov. Bill Lee and former Christ Presbyterian Church Pastor Charles McGowan, also now serve on the Hope Clinic for Women advisory board during a time when brave young girls are now speaking out about alleged child sex abuse cover-ups, and the alleged murder of GCA baseball pitcher Grant Solomon, who tried to protect his little sister, Gracie.

To learn more about Grant Solomon, Gracie Solomon, Gov. Bill Lee, Sen. Bill Hagerty, Sen. Marsha Blackburn, Federal Judge Chip Campbell, Pastor Steve Berger, Pastor Charles McGowan, Pastor Scotty Smith (McGowan Global Institute and Amy Grant's ex-pastor), Amy Grant, Vince Gill, Michael W. Smith, Taylor Swift, Christ Presbyterian Church, Grace Chapel Church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, WSMV TV, Pinnacle Financial Partners, and many others, read the links below.

As the Tennessee Legislature convenes today for a special session, I hope the Tennessee Legislature and the Tennessee Supreme Court will immediately review the possible criminal activity now in motion at Grace Chapel and Grace Christian Academy, prior to elected public servants departing Nashville, and prior to the upcoming elections in 2022. A candlelight vigil in honor of Grant Solomon is tentatively planned for the State Capitol on Nov. 10, 2021, with more details to be announced soon. Tennessee lawmakers and the public are invited to attend the candlelight vigil, and to sign Grant's petition at the Freedom 4 Gracie web site provided below:

<https://www.freedom4gracie.com/>

<https://www.keepandshare.com/doc15/24546/2021-2g-oct-20-sen-bill-hagerty?da=y>

<https://www.facebook.com/GraceChapelFranklin/photospcb.1491424937902030/1491424824568708/>

<https://www.mcgowanglobal.com/about-us/>

<https://www.hopeclinicforwomen.org/about-us/board-of-directors/>

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Respectfully,
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Sen. Hagerty Sen. Blackburn

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Subject: Sen. Hagerty - Sen. Blackburn - Grant Solomon - Murder in Gallatin?

Has Lt. Gov. Randy McNally responded?

Dear Sen. Hagerty and Sen. Blackburn: Four years ago today, I was wrongfully jailed in retaliation for speaking out about judicial favoritism and three alleged child sex abuse cover-up cases in Nashville and Brentwood. Today, I am asking for your help in a 4th alleged child sex abuse cover-up case (Gracie Solomon), and the alleged murder of Gracie's 18-year old brother, Grant Solomon. I look forward to speaking with you soon. In Christ, Austin Davis 615-999-8190

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