# Select Quotes Re: Ezell/NAMB & MD/DE Convention

#### MD/DE PASTORS/LEADERS

- 1. MD/DE Pastor writes, McRaney "was sold for NAMB funds"
- 2. **MD/DE Pastor/Leader** "we had to move quickly to keep from losing funding from NAMB" (at Potomac Baptist Association meeting to explain the termination of Dr. McRaney as affirmed in writing by General Mission Board President Mark Dooley)
- 3. **MD/DE Pastor** -- in letter to MD/DE Board regarding hasty termination in violation of governing documents and the Spirit of God
  - "Whatever lacks the breath of the Spirit cannot in the end be from God."
  - "sent an unmistakable message to the next executive director,...Don't disagree with NAMB..."
  - "I believe Dr. Will McRaney is a very good man with a great heart. I believe he has a professor's brilliance and an evangelist's passion. His last act in packing up his office was to take the time to compellingly share Jesus with the moving man (I've driven to Baltimore to follow up)."

#### 4. MD/DE Convention President Bill Warren –

- "Will should not have had to wait for weeks (months?) to learn what those reasons were." ---- in reference to McRaney's termination in an email to several MD/DE pastor/leaders on Oct. 26, 2015 after termination on June 8, 2015 (right before SBC in Ohio)
- (1) In personal conversation the morning after the McRaney termination and before he later that morning informed the shocked staff and then (2) in a group one on Sept. 11, 2015, Warren indicated that he believed "God was leading him to be the next Executive Director"

### NAMB EMPLOYEES & SBC LEADERS

- 1. **NAMB employee to a senior NAMB leader** "then why did you (NAMB leaders) force McRaney out?" -- SBC in Columbus Ohio in 2015 in front of a witness Mon or Tues
- 2. **Chairman Chuck Herring**, stated in meeting of 10 people in Columbia MD in March 11, 2015 meeting in his opening remarks that he has such belief in Kevin Ezell that "if Kevin said the sky was purple, I would believe him."
- 3. **NAMB** Employee told by NAMB leadership something of the order, "don't worry about McRaney, he is just a gnat"

# STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

- 1. Southern State Executive Director "Partnership is dead in the SBC"
- 2. Non-South Executive Directors
  - "Ezell is lying and trying to bully us."
  - "NAMB is not honoring its commitments"

- "NAMB is continuing to pressure states."
- "My state will lose funding if I criticize them."

# TWO PASTORS who had Multiple Personal AND Group Meetings with Staff and Leaders

# 1. MD Pastor, Foundation Board Member & Defense Contractor Owner Steve Wolverton

- "First, the "smoking gun", signed by Dr. Ezell himself, is included in the linked documents posted. His juvenile threats to terminate funds within a year, and sooner if Dr. McRaney, or anyone else in the Network even so much as acted in any way he didn't deem cooperative, are repugnant. This letter is an exemplar for how not to engage in Christian ministry. I found it disheartening and embarrassing and I challenge any Christ Follower to read it without feeling the same. Furthermore, the indictments levied in the letter are false."
- "Second, the MABN President, Dr. Bill Warren personally told me that Dr. Ezell had convinced him that as long as Dr. McRaney remained the State Executive the funding was at risk. He then told me that he did not feel he could risk losing the funding and potentially losing staff so he did what he felt he had to do. All the while he claimed to love Dr. McRaney."
- "It is time for repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation, and restoration. When I hear of and see Dr. Ezell tweeting out Proverbs 19:9 "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish", I could not agree more. Dr. McRaney has told the truth and I stand by him; as do many in the MABN."

#### 2. DE Pastor Dr. Clint Scott -

- In email follow up with President Warren after their phone call ...
  - You said that, "the MD/DE state convention should not make her own decisions outside of the direction of NAMB." --
  - You said that, "Kevin Ezell said that as long as Will McRaney was the state executive leader NAMB would not support the MD/DE Convention and that this was wrong for him to say."
  - You said that, "you loved Will and Sandy McRaney but believed our cooperation with NAMB was not something we should lose."
- Dr. McRaney had the total support of the Network and his leadership team shortly before his controversy began with Dr. Ezell. It has been stated to me personally by Dr. Bill Warren that pressure was being placed on the Network by Dr. Ezell through the withholding of financial support needed to honor budgeted items. ....Dr. Ezell and NAMB should be held accountable before this happens to more of our trusted brothers in the fight for the souls of men!
- "This is what happens when good men do nothing! Will McRaney got mistreated by NAMB and the MidAtlantic Network. This will not go away until men repent. My prayer is that their leadership treats them just like they have treated Will until they repent! This is what makes it hard to reach the unchurched while carrying the Baptist name. I am one disappointed pastor who has walked through this entire process by Will McRaney's side. NAMB and the SBC must seek changes!"