

Morning

As most of you are aware, on November 27th Pastor Doug resigned his position as Lead Pastor, a decision which was made known to the church at the Annual General Meeting the following evening. On December 1st, the elders issued a statement that provided some background as to the events leading up to the resignation. In that statement, we spoke to the fact that we had been dealing with Pastor Doug on a character issue. Details were kept intentionally vague in an effort to protect the privacy of members of our congregation, as well as to protect Pastor Doug and his family.

However, on December 26th the Elders became aware of an extension of the issues involving Pastor Doug which affects everyone in our congregation. After careful investigation by the elders, we have discovered numerous examples where sermons created by an American pastor named Stephen Davey were taken from the internet, then claimed and delivered in whole or in part as Pastor Doug's own material. From our preliminary search, the elders have found at least 23 instances where Pastor Doug's preaching has matched nearly word for word sermons by the same titles written by Stephen Davey. Some of these include; Doug DeLong's candidating weekend sermon "Recipe for Joy," and all the sermons in the series on Esther, Revelation, The Lord's Prayer, Ezra, and the Psalms.

This is a grievous breach of trust and with that comes various reactions. This is a serious allegation, but the evidence is clear. It is our intention to remove all of the sermons which were delivered by Pastor Doug presented from our YouTube channel where our church services are recorded. However, we understand that many of you may want to investigate this situation for yourselves and therefore we will remove the content on January 15th to give the congregation time to see the evidence as plainly as the elders have.

Doug DeLong is aware that this issue is being disclosed to you all this morning, and as our church relationship with him has already come to an unfavourable end, we don't feel any further action by the board will be necessary. We welcome you to speak to any of the elders' board members, or the pastors, if you need someone to talk to about this, but more importantly we encourage you to dive deep into the Word of God and prayer and be reminded of the faithful, unwavering and unfaltering character of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, for it is in Christ alone that all of our hope and comfort is found.

Thank you.

Website: <https://www.wisdomonline.org/>

Preacher: Stephen Davey

Sermons that have been checked and found to match sermons that have been given by Stephen Davey and are found on his website:

Date Preached at FBC	Title/Passage
2-Oct-22	Recipe for Joy *
19-Feb-23	Psalms
5-Mar-23	Psalms 56
12-Mar-23	Psalms 46
2-Apr-23	John 12:12-21
23-Apr-23	Psalms 19:1-6
22-May-23	Luke 19:4-10
27-May-23	Psalms 19:10
30-Jul-23	Who Has the Final Word
3-Sep-23	Eph 4:1-6
8-Oct-23	1 Cor 13:4
5-Nov-23	1 Cor 13:5
3-Dec-23	Luke 2:8-20
7-Jan-24	Revelation 1
14-Jan-24	Revelation 2
21-Jan-24	Revelation 3
28-Jan-24	Revelation 11
9-Jun-24	Ezra 7-8
16-Jun-24	Ezra 11
30-Jun-24	Esther 1:3-22
7-Jul-24	Esther 2:1-20
28-Jul-24	Esther 5:1-6
6-Oct-24	Luke 11:2

* Weekend when he candidated