

Clarksville Reformed Baptist Church

Resolution #2025-0001

Concerning Persecution Against Elder David Justin Freeman

Whereas:

1. In 2023, this church held a series of church disciplinary hearings in response to repeated acts of misconduct committed against members of this church by members of the Habersham Baptist Association and Georgia Baptist Convention, and
2. Those hearings were held in obedience to the direct commands of Jesus Christ and his Apostles as recorded in the scriptures, and
3. Members and leaders of the Habersham Baptist Association and Georgia Baptist Convention retaliated by urging Secular Law Enforcement Officers of the State of Georgia to have our church Elder, David Justin Freeman, jailed on spurious allegations that conducting church disciplinary hearings in accordance with the scriptures violates a law of the State of Georgia against “stalking,” and
4. For this reason, Elder Freeman was arrested on December 1st, 2023 and held in the Habersham County jail until he was released on bond December 13th, 2023, having been held in confinement for 13 days, and
5. From August 14th, 2024 until October 1st, 2024, Elder Freeman was held in the Stephens County jail for no reason except that he was awaiting a bond revocation hearing, such that he was held in confinement for an additional 48 days, and
6. On October 1st, 2024 the bond was revoked without just cause, such that Elder Freeman was held in the Habersham and Stephens County jails until the bond was reinstated on December 17th, 2024, such that Elder Freeman was held in confinement for an additional 78 days, and
7. Elder Freeman was not released from confinement until December 19th, 2024, having been held for an additional 2 days, and
8. In total, Elder Freeman was held in confinement for no fewer than 91 days and as many as 141 days only as a direct result of his faithful obedience to the direct commands of Jesus Christ and his Apostles as recorded in the scriptures, and
9. To date, no indictment or formal accusation has ever been made in the case, so that no allegation can be rightly made that Elder Freeman was suffering as a result of his own wrongdoing.

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. Elder David Justin Freeman suffered persecution for practicing Christianity, and
2. That the persecution against Elder Freeman took the form of a term of confinement in the Stephens and Habersham County jails lasting no fewer than 91 days in 2023 and 2024, and
3. That this persecution was perpetrated by various members and leaders of the Habersham Baptist Association and Georgia Baptist Convention, working in cooperation with agents of the State of Georgia.

Resolved by a unanimous vote of all members in good standing, February 10th, 2025.