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**Statement from The Relentless Church's Pastor John Gray**

As I've stated before, The Relentless Church, myself and my family did not come to Greenville to lease or have a temporary establishment. We came to Greenville to make it home for both our ministry and family, as we were invited to be a part of the community.

Yet, Pastor Ron Carpenter publicly handed over the keys to a building he could not legally transfer at the time because of Redemption's outstanding debt to the third-party entity that has a secured interest in the properties. However, Pastor Carpenter still left the city of Greenville and its people to pursue what he said was God's call on his life. In that, he took the name of the Redemption Church, the core staff and tangible assets while also leaving a campus with over \$13 million in debt, with over 10 entities paying to sustain the campus.

With hearts set on making Greenville our home, I was disappointed to learn that we could not have immediate transfer of the buildings. Instead, I agreed to a hasty lease agreement that we've still continued to satisfy. In being handed the keys to another man's debt obligation, I still honored our original agreement. Therefore, Relentless, myself and our experienced legal team are confident that we have paid all bills pursuant to the lease agreement, and we are looking forward to sharing this information in court.

However, to Pastor Ron's assertion that the Relentless campus is in danger of foreclosure, we categorically deny and vigorously refute these claims. The Relentless Church maintains documented proof of every property payment made each month since our arrival. As such, there has never been a chance of any of these buildings being foreclosed on. To say so is not only inflammatory and disingenuous, it is also purposefully misleading and dishonest to members of our community.

Additionally, we have documented proof that I have attempted face-to-face reconciliation with Pastor Ron Carpenter a minimum of ten times regarding their shared disagreements. In these attempts at reconciliation, Pastor Carpenter refused to meet, with additional emails for meeting requests to Pastor Carpenter's attorneys yielding no responses.

We eagerly await Friday's court hearing, as we will give copious amounts of corroborating documentation that shows a consistent pattern of disinformation and obfuscation in an effort to hinder The Relentless Church's ability to do what we are assigned to do: preach Jesus Christ and meet the needs of this city, this region, this nation and the world.

While we never ever wished for these proceedings to be public, we must and will defend the integrity of our church and its mission against the consistent, coordinated, unchristian methods utilized in these actions.

As a church, we're proud to say that Relentless has been able to meet the needs of our staff and accomplish with one campus what the previous church needed multiple campuses to do. We have been successful in spite of.

One day we will all face God. We are confident that our church, its pastors and our leadership will be able to do so with a clear conscience. We await our day in court.

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