## PUBLIC STATEMENT OF BEACON BAPTIST CHURCH REGARDING THE ARREST OF DONALD CHAMBERS MARCH 15, 2018

As a ministry, we are always saddened when any of our volunteers are accused of breaking the law. When an allegation involves inappropriate conduct toward a child, our organization immediately removes that individual from any contact with children, and we fully cooperate with parents, state officials, and law enforcement. We believe that if children are safe anywhere, they should be safe at church.

Beacon Baptist Church does not cover-up abuse, and we have zero tolerance for child abuse in our ministry. We carefully interview and screen our employees and volunteers, and our leadership team works to maintain child protection policies based on best practices nationally and North Carolina State law.

We believe that transparency, child safety, and accountability are essential for successful ministry, and we are fully committed to ministering to our students in a safe and responsible manner.