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Rhema Larry Johnson Obituary

[Obituary | Larry Zane Johnson of Sand Sprngs, Oklahoma | MOBLEY-GROESBECK FUNERAL SERVICE](#)

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying an obituary for Larry Zane Johnson. The URL is https://www.mogro.co/obituary/larry-johnson-8770317. The page features a large background image of a Tulsa Police car. Overlaid on the left is a portrait of Larry Zane Johnson, with the text 'Larry Zane Johnson' and 'July 9, 1940 - December 2, 2023'. Below the portrait are links for 'SEND A CARD', 'PLANT TREES', 'SERVICES', 'GUESTBOOK', 'PHOTOS', and 'CONDOLENCES'. To the right, under the heading 'LARRY'S OBITUARY', is a text block describing his life and funeral service, followed by a live stream link.

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LARRY'S OBITUARY

Larry Zane Johnson, a man of unwavering dedication, courage, and a heart full of compassion, bid adieu to this world on December 2, 2023, at St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, to join his eternal resting place, surrounded by his cherished family. He completed his earthly journey at the age of 83. Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Mobley-Groesbeck Funeral Service of Sand Springs.

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Burial with honors by the U.S. Air Force, Tulsa Police Department, and Tulsa County Sheriff's Office will follow at Floral Haven Memorial Gardens, Broken Arrow. Visitation will be held at the funeral home 12-8 p.m., Thursday, and family will greet friends 6-8 p.m.

Born on July 9, 1940, in Tulsa, OK, to L.Z. Johnson and Gwendolyn (Warnock) Johnson, Larry was a man of many roles—beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. His legacy is one woven with threads of love, service, and selflessness, leaving an indelible mark on those fortunate enough to have known him.

Larry's life's compass was set by his commitment to family and his unwavering faith. He married his soulmate, Regina Elizabeth Wainwright, on April 27, 1962, and together they forged a bond that stood the test of time. His devotion to his wife was a testament to enduring love, guided by the blessings of his grandmother and mother, who saw Regina as the perfect match for him.

A man of profound impact, Larry touched countless lives through his multifaceted journey. He embarked on a path of service early in life, starting with his education at Webster High School in Tulsa. His spirit of dedication led him to help support his family at a young age by taking on various jobs, from delivering newspapers, sweeping floors at Channel 8, and baling hay. Larry pursued higher education at Oklahoma State University and the University of Tulsa, setting the stage for a life marked by accomplishment and service.

His tenure in the U.S. Air Force as a homicide investigator demonstrated his commitment to justice and service to his country. Larry's dedication extended to the sporting arena, where he umpired college and semi-professional baseball for 25 years, showcasing his love for the game and fair play.

Larry's commitment to public service was further evident in his roles at the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office; and the Tulsa Police Department, where he served diligently for 17 years and 3 months, overseeing critical divisions and solving major crimes. Larry had been awarded "Policeman of the Year" for the Tulsa Police Department, and "Reserve Deputy of

the Year" for the state of Oklahoma. His contributions extended beyond law enforcement; he offered protection to influential figures, including celebrities and dignitaries, earning their trust and respect. Larry Johnson Investigations and Security provided security for all major events at the Mabee Center, Mazzio's Corporation, Nordam, and Safeway Foods among many other entities.

A man of many talents, Larry shared his passion for music by singing in quartets alongside Regina playing piano, their harmonies resonating joyfully. His love for travel and music intertwined as he toured and performed with various quartets including The Tulsans, First Assembly Quartet, and The Gospel Representatives, creating enduring memories and touching hearts wherever they went.

Larry's impact transcended professional realms; he devoted 40 years to Rhema Bible College, combining administrative acumen with a servant's heart. His dedication to his church community was palpable, leading congregations in song and finding solace in worship alongside his beloved wife.

His selflessness and unwavering commitment to others earned him the title of a hero, a protector, a problem-solver, and superman. His generosity knew no bounds, and his kindness knew no strangers. Larry's life was a testament to his belief in making a difference, be it in the lives of his family, his community, or those in need. He was the best friend anyone could have and made every person he talked to feel special. You were always greeted with, "There's my buddy (or pal)."

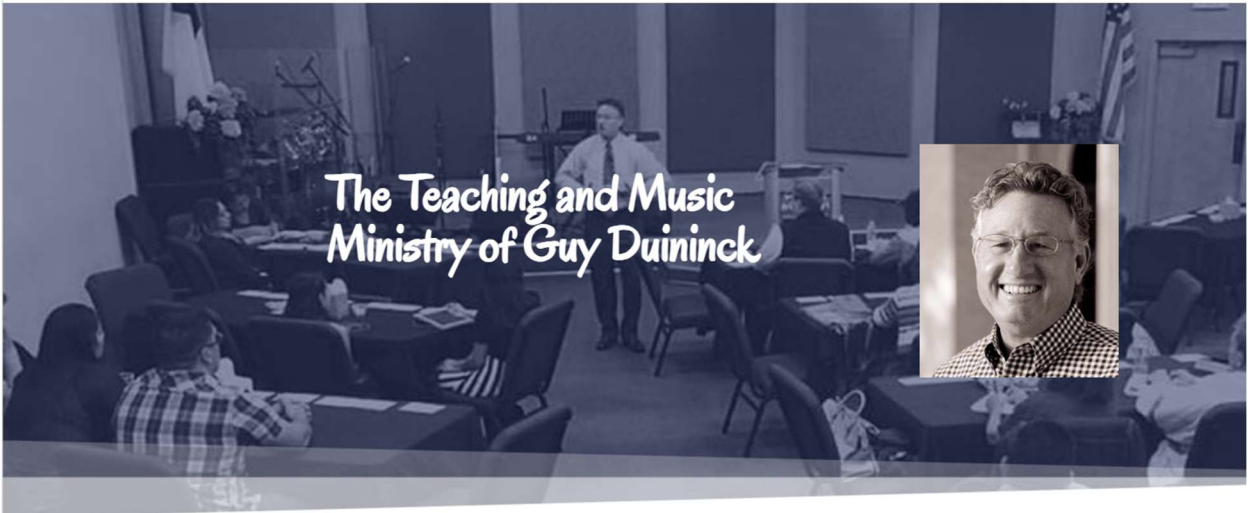
Larry Zane Johnson will be fondly remembered for his impeccable standards, his captivating storytelling, and his profound love for his family. His legacy lives on through his wife, Regina; daughter, Beth Ann Million and husband, Scott; grandchildren: Megan Brown and husband, J.B., Mackenzie Million and husband, Chris, and Mason Million and wife, Jessica; great-grandchildren: Lilly, Bentley, Harlee, Brody, Kaden, Blakelee, Sawyer, Kane, and Kash; his brother, Rev. John Johnson; brother-in-law, Gary Garbacz; extended family; and the countless lives he touched. He is preceded in death by his parents: L.Z. and Gwendolyn Johnson; and his sister, Sharon Garbacz. As he journeys beyond, his spirit of service, love, and unwavering dedication will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of knowing him. Larry's memory will forever be etched in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to be called his family and friends.

We invite contributions in Larry's honor to support the meaningful work and missions of Carbondale Assembly of God, 2135 W. 51st St., Tulsa, OK 74107. located in Tulsa, OK.

Larry was a devoted member of this congregation, passionate about furthering God's work and supporting missions both locally and abroad. Your generous contributions will continue his legacy of kindness, compassion, and dedication to serving others. Leave your memories of Larry and view his tribute online at www.mogro.co. To plant Memorial Trees in memory of **Larry Zane Johnson**, please [click here to visit our sympathy store](#).

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About Guy Duinick

Guy earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology in 1980 from Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is also a 1981 graduate of Rhema Bible Training Center in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Since 1981, Guy has travelled full time both in the United States and throughout the world teaching God's Word and ministering in music. As well as teaching and writing, Guy has recorded several albums of his own music.

Guy is married to Michele, has two adult daughters and currently resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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Grace for Effectual Ministry by Guy Duinink

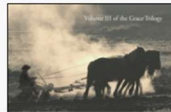
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Grace for Effectual Ministry – Locating, Cultivating, and Using Your Spiritual Giftings Special Endowments for Special Tasks

By Guy Duinink



Guy Duinink earned a Bachelor's Degree in Theology from Bethel College and attended Rhema Bible Training Center. Since 1981, Guy has traveled throughout the world teaching in local churches, Bible Schools and Ministers' Conferences. With a strong emphasis on developing skilled spiritual leaders, strong local churches, and mature believers, Guy has significantly aided the Body of Christ in the places he travels. Guy has written five books, recorded six albums of his own music, and produced a number of audio teachings. The following article is an excerpt from Guy's book, *Grace for Effectual Ministry*. You can obtain this book and learn more about Guy's ministry by visiting his web-site at www.masterstouchministries.com. You can also find Guy on his Facebook page: Master's Touch Ministries.



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EARLY YEARS

1966

Kelly John Duininck was born to Willis and Joan Duininck on November 12, 1966 in Wilmar, Minnesota. The Duininck family ran a road construction business that had been started by the grandfather, Henry Duininck.

Kelly grew up in the small farm community of Prinsburg, Minnesota and was raised in the Dutch reform Church. His best friend was Barry Huizenga. During his childhood, a RHEMA graduate named, Jim Kaseman, came to this community and began to teach the message of Faith. Kelly's parents hosted a bible study in their home and learned about Faith.

He was the youngest of four brothers who are all presently residing in Tulsa, OK. Guy Duininck, the eldest, is an Author and Traveling Minister, Mitch Duininck is a Doctor and Medical Missionary, and Joe Duininck is the Director of RHEMA School of World Missions.

Kelly was an amazing athlete and participated in all the sports at Central Minnesota Christian School. He particularly excelled in Basketball and had a vertical jump of about 4 feet. Being just about 6 feet tall he could dunk the ball - head at the rim - dunk the ball! He also was a singer, played the trumpet, and the piano.

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G.W. Is Guy. His middle is name is Willis.

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DUININCK, CATHERINE ANNE, Plaintiff
DUININCK, GEORGIA D, Defendant

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DUININCK, CATHERINE, Plaintiff
DUININCK, GEORGIA, Plaintiff
DUININCK, GRACE, Plaintiff
DUININCK, GUY W, Defendant

For context. Duininck fathers - Guy is now married to Michelle

Willis Henry Duininck

January 12, 1935 - August 8, 2018

Visit Willis' memorial page to share a memory or send condolences to the family, read the obituary, and find the upcoming events.

<https://www.hayhurstfuneralhome.com/obituaries/willis-duininck/>

Tracie

When I was at Rhema there was no one there that knew how to counsel someone dealing with homosexual issues! But at the same time they were strongly against it! I find it puzzling! The founder of Rhema Bible Training Center! At the time had a world wide ministry! Wrote books on healings ! Miracles!!! Wrote books saying he had 2 hours visions with Jesus talking with him about healing etc ! But he never said anything about this

subject! Now it's a major issue all over the world  ! But at the same time Jesus himself never addressed it in the New Testament! Jesus confronted a lot of people! But no recording of him addressing a homosexual! I have deal with this issue all my life! I think in some ways going to church has hurt me more than helped! I tried to be what the preacher said to be ! What the Sunday school teacher said to be ! What parents expected me to be ! Brothers ! Sisters! Counselor! I spent a lot of lonely years! Fighting the issues! Because of what I have been taught! Finding out Jesus does not fulfill all your desires! I think Jesus can be over taught and the word ! I am going on 59 years old and up to the last five years I have explore more with my homosexual tendencies! I have spent enough lonely years alone ! If I would of had a choice knowing my plight ! I would of never made the choice to come to this

earth  but we don't always get the choice we want ! Tina turner once said she didn't really enjoy her life with all the fame and money!! Because the bad out weight the good! I completely understand!!!

But not everyone would ! They would say your letting the Devil deceive you ! Must of the churches are not equipped to deal with homosexuality issues! I use to be Gods word was God inspired as I was taught All my life!

Don't believe that any more ! Just don't work out in many people life's! But do believe I need God !! I was always different from my 4 brothers! I worked in furniture for 14 years! The last 6 years upper end of furniture!

Did a lot of customization! And now men's clothing ! Dressed and suited many men !

My brother mechanics! Just totally different!

I think with Gods help we have to done the best we can with the cards we were dealt in life!!

Sincerely

Response to email

Thank you for trusting me with something so personal. I can hear the weight of decades of loneliness, trying to fit expectations, questioning your faith, and wondering where you belonged. That isn't a small thing to carry, and I can understand why you would feel exhausted.

One thing that stood out to me is when you said you spent years trying to become what everyone else expected you to be—your church, your family, counselors, and those around you. Living under that kind of pressure can leave someone feeling unseen, even when they are surrounded by people.

No one should have to suffer in silence or feel they have nowhere they can honestly talk about what they are experiencing. Whether someone agrees or disagrees with your conclusions, your experiences and the pain you've described deserve to be heard with compassion rather than dismissed.

Your observation that many churches are not equipped to walk alongside people wrestling with complex issues is one that I think deserves serious reflection. People often need safe, honest relationships where difficult conversations can happen without fear of shame or immediate condemnation. That doesn't mean every answer will be the same, but everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and compassion.

I also noticed you said you still believe you need God. That tells me your story isn't one of simply rejecting faith—it sounds more like someone who has been trying to make sense of their life while carrying deep hurt. Those are very different things.

Thank you again for sharing your journey with me. I genuinely hope you find people who are willing to listen first, care well, and walk with you as a human being rather than seeing you as an issue to solve. Every person deserves that.

I'm praying that whatever your path forward looks like, it includes healing from the loneliness you've carried for so many years.

Take care,
Tracie

Hi Tracie,

Thank you for the work you are doing! It is an answer to many women's prayers! When God brings justice, He vindicates and comforts the righteous, and brings accountability to the wicked.

I wish to remain anonymous. I don't want to give my name or the year I graduated. But I wanted to tell you about myself and five other women I knew from Rhema in the 1980s.

Each of us met our perpetrator husbands at Rhema. Each of us went into the ministry with our perpetrator husbands. With the exception of one, we are all now divorced from our perpetrator husbands.

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I do have a story that I think is funny. When I graduated Rhema in 77 I got hired on as director at a college campus ministry at SW State University in Weatherford OK. I had actually fellowshiped there when I went to Southwestern as a student. So after moving back to Weatherford I went to visit my home church in Clinton OK which is about 10 miles to the west and found out they had a new pastor, a Rhema grad from the year before me in 76. We got to be good friends. Dick Broy, RIP. he was about 15 years older than me, a real good brother who had been a Baptist evangelist for many years before he got Spirit filled. He was a great big guy and even played professional baseball for awhile before he became a preacher. He told me he and his wife Suzanne had become good friends with Ken and Lynette when they went to Rhema as they were the same age. The first few graduating classes were pretty small. They had school that year at Sheridan Assembly. He said they used to babysit Craig and Denise when they were little when Ken Jr went out of town to hold meetings here and there. He said Ken Jr thought it was funny to come up behind people when they weren't looking and pinch them in the back of the arm real hard. Don't know if you have ever had that but it really hurts. You get a pinch of that soft skin behind the arm and twist it. Anyways Dick said they were in between classes one day and Ken Jr snuck up behind him and pinched him on the back of the arm and he said it really hurt, and he said without even thinking about it he spun around and looked at Ken Jr in the eye and grabbed him by the shoulders and spun him around and he said I kicked him in the rear as hard as you can kick a man. And like I said Dick was a big old boy. He said I kicked him so hard it almost snapped his neck, and he did this right in front of all the students who were in the middle of changing classes. He said Ken turned real red in the face and without saying a word stomped off to his office. Dick said Ken never said anything about it after the fact. That made me laugh when he told me that. I wish I would have been there to see it. haha.

- **Steve Yoder** – A prominent [Christian business leader](#) [who serves as an active board member](#) for both Kenneth Hagin Ministries and Rhema Bible College USA.

Note on recent leadership



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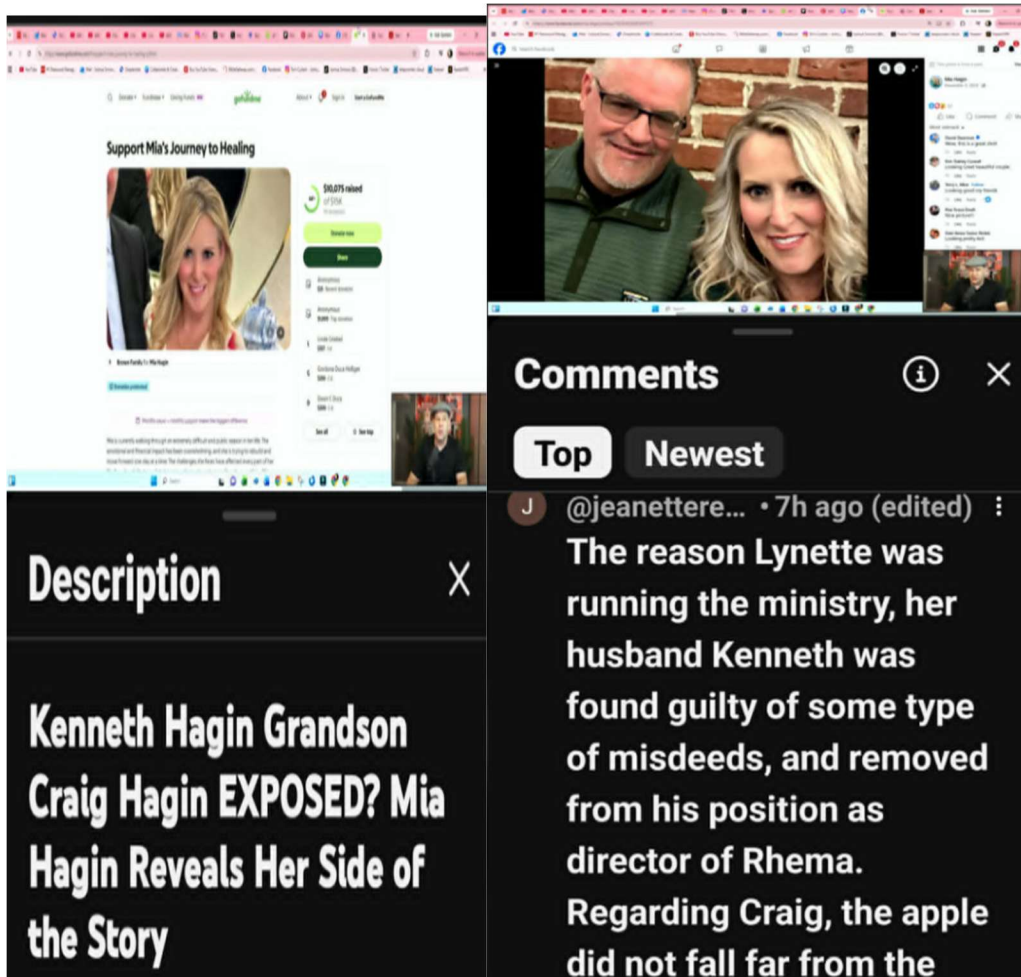
In today's inspiring Sunday service interview, Steve Yoder —Christian business leader and board member of Kenneth Hagin Ministries and Rhema Bible College USA—shares a powerful testimony of faith, business, and legacy. He opens up about his family's multi-generational wood truss manufacturing business and the biblical principles that have guided its growth, even through challenging economic seasons.

When I was a student at Rhema, "fresh of the boat" since I'm a foreigner, Craig invited me out for dinner as I was in Dallas with my roommate for Thanksgiving in 2000 and he was too. I had no idea about what would happen next. He took me to a place called Hooters and then to a college bar. I totally gave

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Go ask the pilots from back then about the

There were rumors 35+ yrs back that Kenneth W. Hagin wasn't faithful either to his wife.



You got my message about the former pilot? Dave Freeman

The stories I keep hearing from people are just devastating and prove the way the H family has conducted "ministry" for years has been unethical

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Go ask the pilots from back then about the flights to Vegas and the things that transpired on that plane. Flight logs are available. The Hagin family knew about his behavior. Judgment will begin with the House of God.

have you heard of the Heritage Foundation? They investigate ministries and hold them accountable. they also have an X account @pastorplanes that tracks flight logs of ministry aircraft. i know rhema is on their list of questionable ministries because they don't report any financial information.

<https://trinityfi.org/>

trinityfi.org

i think this is the site

Mon 3:52 PM

What exactly are you trying to do?



I am also a 2003 Rhema grad, helped plant two churches, and held RMAI credentials

I'm not sure how this particular situation connects with child welfare. Perhaps there's more information than what I am aware of.

And we graduated together? What pathway were you in, pastoral, evangelical, or helps?

I was in youth with Craig! The longer answer The Rhema Accountability Project aligns with Oklahoma Child Wellbeing because it examines one part of a much larger question: How do institutions with significant influence protect—or fail to protect—the people who depend on them? Churches are one of the primary institutions that shape children, families, and communities. Like schools, healthcare systems, child welfare agencies, law enforcement, and the courts, they influence safety, trust, financial stability, and social norms. When institutional governance and accountability break down, the effects can extend far beyond the organization itself. The Connection to Child Wellbeing Children do not develop in isolation. Their wellbeing is influenced by multiple systems: * Family * Faith communities * Schools * Healthcare * Child welfare * Mental health * Law enforcement * Courts * Government * Community organizations If any one of these systems operates unethically or fails to respond appropriately to concerns, children and families may experience lasting harm. The Rhema Accountability Project uses a faith-based institution

as an example to study broader questions about governance, ethics, transparency, and institutional responsibility. The Project is About Systems, Not Individuals The focus is not simply on allegations involving specific people. Instead, the project asks questions such as: * How are concerns received? * Who investigates? * What safeguards exist? * Are conflicts of interest managed? * Is there independent oversight? * Are vulnerable people protected? * How are leaders held accountable? * What documentation exists? * How are corrective actions communicated? These are the same types of questions social workers, regulators, accreditation bodies, and child protection professionals ask across every major institution. Why Churches Matter Faith communities often provide: * Children's ministry * Youth groups * Schools * Camps * Counseling * Marriage counseling * Financial assistance * Missions * Volunteer opportunities * Leadership training Because churches frequently serve families and children, ethical governance is part of child wellbeing. When leadership demonstrates integrity, accountability, and transparency, communities benefit. When those systems fail, the consequences may include: * Loss of trust * Financial exploitation * Emotional harm * Spiritual abuse * Family disruption * Reduced reporting of abuse * Fear of speaking up * Community polarization The Public Health Perspective Oklahoma Child Wellbeing approaches institutions using a public health framework. Rather than asking: "Who is to blame?" it asks: "What conditions allow harm to occur, and how can those conditions be improved?" This mirrors approaches used in: * aviation safety * healthcare quality improvement * child fatality review teams * workplace safety * public health investigations The emphasis is on prevention and continuous improvement. Social Work Alignment The project aligns with core social work values promoted by the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics, including: * Service * Social justice * Dignity and worth of the person * Importance of human relationships * Integrity * Competence It also reflects systems theory by recognizing that changes in one institution can affect many others. Oklahoma Child Wellbeing Framework The larger Oklahoma Child Wellbeing framework asks five consistent questions of every institution: 1. Can concerns be safely reported? 2. Who owns the response? 3. Is the response documented? 4. Was the outcome evaluated? 5. Did the response improve safety? Those questions apply equally to: * Schools * Churches * Child welfare agencies * Nonprofits * Government agencies * Healthcare organizations * Businesses serving children Why This Matters Beyond One Organization The Rhema Accountability Project is intended as a case study that can help inform broader discussions about institutional ethics and accountability. Lessons learned from examining governance, reporting pathways, oversight, and response practices in one organization may be relevant to strengthening safeguards across many sectors. The overarching goal of Oklahoma Child Wellbeing is not to single out one institution, but to encourage systems where: * concerns can be raised without fear of retaliation, * leaders are accountable for their decisions, * responses are documented and evaluated, *

independent oversight exists where appropriate, and * institutions continually improve their ability to protect children, families, and vulnerable adults. In that sense, the Rhema Accountability Project serves as one example within a broader mission: strengthening ethical governance and public trust so that every institution entrusted with the care or influence of children contributes to safer, healthier communities.

I don't disagree with other case studies however Rhema is a solid case study for this project. Also, I can get more inside information because I have been around for so long. It may help if you go through the documents. Here is how it correlates Rhema Accountability Project Concerns

1. Institutional governance * Who has decision-making authority? * Who is on the board? * Is oversight independent or family-controlled?
2. Transparency * Lack of clear public information about leadership, governance, finances, discipline, and accountability processes.
3. Conflict of interest * Family, ministry, business, political, and legal relationships may overlap in ways that require disclosure and independent review.
4. Clergy misconduct response * How allegations involving leaders are received, documented, investigated, and communicated.
5. Safeguarding children and families * Whether children, youth, students, ministry spouses, widows, and vulnerable adults are protected by clear policies.
6. Reporting pathways * Whether people know how to report concerns safely without retaliation, intimidation, or spiritual pressure.
7. Retaliation and fear * Whether members, graduates, staff, or victims feel afraid to speak publicly or privately.
8. Spiritual abuse * Use of Scripture, authority, loyalty, submission, or "touch not God's anointed" culture to silence concerns.
9. Financial exploitation * Concerns involving donations, investments, widows, ministry influence, business opportunities, and pressure tied to spiritual authority.
10. Care for widows and vulnerable adults * Whether the institution responds pastorally and ethically when someone becomes financially, emotionally, or socially vulnerable.
11. Leadership discipline * Whether leaders are removed, restored, protected, or quietly reassigned without transparent standards.
12. Public trust * Whether public statements match internal action and documented timelines.
13. Documentation gaps * Missing or unclear records around complaints, investigations, removals, board action, corrective action, or victim support.
14. Institutional loyalty over truth * Whether protecting the brand becomes more important than protecting people.
15. Political access and influence * Concerns about religious leaders gaining access to political figures without clear vetting, accountability, or ethical boundaries.
16. Legal and jurisdictional structure * Questions about why entities are structured in certain states and how that affects oversight, public accountability, reporting, and enforcement.
17. Ministry credentialing * Whether ministers, graduates, affiliates, or speakers are vetted, monitored, disciplined, or removed when credible concerns arise.
18. Student and alumni safety * Whether Rhema Bible Training College students and alumni have safe channels to report

misconduct or institutional harm. 19. Women's safety and credibility * Whether women who raise concerns are believed, protected, dismissed, blamed, or spiritually minimized. 20. Marriage and counseling ethics * Whether pastoral counseling protects victims or pressures people to preserve appearances. 21. Use of nondisclosure or silence culture * Whether formal or informal pressure discourages people from sharing concerns. 22. Institutional response to public concerns * Whether corrections, removals, updates, and accountability steps are handled responsibly. 23. Pattern recognition * Whether separate stories, timelines, documents, and reports reveal repeated institutional weaknesses. 24. Community impact * How unresolved institutional concerns affect families, churches, schools, politics, social trust, and child wellbeing. 25. Need for independent review * Whether concerns are serious enough to justify outside review by neutral professionals, legal experts, safeguarding experts, or regulators. The Rhema Accountability Project fits Oklahoma Child Wellbeing because child safety is not only about what happens inside child welfare. It is also about whether powerful institutions that shape families, faith, money, politics, and community trust can demonstrate ethical governance, safe reporting, independent oversight, and documented response.

Mon 4:42 PM

I have to agree with the vast majority of what you're saying. I have to concede that. I don't have enough information to know that it fits as well as you have described granted, I've seen other institutions that I feel have embodied this type of thing a lot more clearly than Rema has granted the perspective I'm coming from is predator and pray I am very adamantly against predatory behavior as it relates to the pulpits ability to influence its congregants. Has Rhema engaged in this? I don't know. I didn't see that far behind the curtain. I can only imagine having been involved in other ministries and having observed how other ministries function. I don't know that rhema would probably be too different. Here's the fine line for me. GOVT typically doesn't do a good job of holding institutions accountable. Hell government can't hold itself accountable and so my concern would be as much as there probably needs to be more accountability. Is there a possible precedent that gets set that restricts Non Profit organizations ability to function as they see fit because GOVT starts to put so many boundaries in place? for example a lot of the government funding although it says it's designed to protect a lot of government funding comes with so many stipulations that organizations aren't necessarily able to be as effective in their mission because they have to go through so many hoops and barriers to make sure they get the funding. I know this firsthand cause I've seen a lot of funding get cut this last year because either a the institutions were set up in a way to be culturally competent, and the government interpreted their language as "" DEI initiatives or be the government assumed they were DEI initiatives and cut the funding before they even had a chance to have an RSP or whatever so I don't know. I hear what you're saying and I'm trying to figure out like kind of how I feel about it. I don't really have much more information to Offer other than the information that I was able to offer, but at the same time, I'm not quite sure that knowing when I do know again and you know more than I do I'm not sure. I feel comfortable having Rema be the institution that becomes a target, especially if in terms of this conversation, the primary issue is Craig and the church. Just trying to maintain and protect family business now again I'm sure there's been more. I'm just not privy to that information.

I think if you spend a few days reviewing the website information as you get time you will see why this has become the example I am using. Again, I am at an advantage with this because I have been party of the organization for decades and understand the environment and have friends across states and countries.

I hear you. Let me again say, principally I support the idea. I think we agree that we would like to see a church that operates in integrity and helps more than it hurts. My personal opinion, is that the members need to be the first to hold their leaders accountable, especially with their dollars. I don't want government involvement unless we need to prosecute predators. That's too slippery of a slope for me. I will look more into your work. I appreciate your passion. I've seen so much abuse from the church, there were a couple times I wanted to be the one to light the match to watch something burn...and sometimes I think that's necessary...maybe I just wasn't close enough to THIS situation to feel that way, but I definitely know the feeling. I've had way too many conversations with people trying to put together the pieces after the "church" chewed them up and spit them out.

But, again, Craig wanting to be a playboy rather than the next leader of the Rhema world, isn't about abuse per se, in fact from what I've heard, before the current wife was the "victim" of his infidelity, the former wife was the "victim" to her involvement with Craig..what are we talking about?! This is drama and lack of accountability, compare that to the guy out of Dallas who was using his platform to groom and abuse young girls..we are NOT talking about the same thing...maybe I'm being repetitive and I apologize for that.

Calvary Chapel, that's what I was thinking of...they have been covering up so much abuse and sexual abuse for years...
Bethel was defending and covering up for all their false prophet friends.
I don't expect Rhema to be too different, but, I will look at more of your documents.



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Mon 5:21 PM

My home church was birthed from Victory Christian Center. Poor Debbie is a voice among many...VCC is just as guilty as Rhema was.
Shoot this kind of stuff is what motivated me to write 3 books.

I'll never forgot having a conversation with Lee Boss about the biblical tithe....

Problem is especially my parent's generation trusted these people to tell the truth. I met all the big wigs, the Copeland, JD, Jerry. Shoot you and I were apart of the ministry while pop was alive...

Get to the point where you realize that particular "club" did business the way they knew how to...and to your point, I'm sure Rhema was doing the same stuff all Their other counterparts were doing...

Hell, I remember how they tried to crucify Bishop Pearson, because of course he was so wrong and they were so holy...

Mon 5:58 PM

The sad thing is when you realize how toxic it is and how they spread not just locally, not just regionally, not just statewide, no even just across the US but worldwide.

Mon 6:17 PM

I've been in church my whole life and yeah, it's toxic! Everywhere! And to my point about Pearson, you're better off molesting kids or cheating on your spouse than upsetting traditional doctrines...it's disgusting to me. Robert Morris will be more quickly forgiven than Carlton was! Craig's stuff will come and go. The issue is deeper than that. Christendom is sick, has lost the plot and focuses on image more than substance, and the people still give, so it continues.

First, thank you for taking the time to really think through this instead of simply reacting. I appreciate that you've been willing to engage even when we don't see every aspect the same way.

I actually think we're closer in perspective than it may seem.

Like you, I don't want unnecessary government control over churches. Government itself often struggles with accountability, so simply creating more regulations doesn't automatically create safer institutions. My work isn't advocating for government managing theology or dictating how churches operate.

What I am advocating for is something much simpler: ethical governance, transparent reporting, documented responses to concerns, and accountability wherever institutions have significant influence over people's lives.

Those principles shouldn't depend on whether the institution is a church, school, nonprofit, healthcare system, business, or government agency.

The reason Rhema became the case study isn't because Craig Hagin had an affair. If that were the issue, I wouldn't have devoted thousands of hours to this project.

The question I'm examining is much broader:

- How does a globally influential institution respond when concerns are raised?
- What systems exist to protect vulnerable people?
- Is there independent oversight?
- Are conflicts of interest addressed?
- Can people safely report concerns without fear?
- Are responses documented and evaluated?

Those questions apply everywhere.

From my social work perspective, individual events often reveal systemic strengths or weaknesses. We don't study a child fatality because of one tragedy—we study it to understand what failed in the system so future harm can be prevented.

That's how I'm approaching this work.

I also appreciated what you said about members holding leaders accountable with their dollars. I completely agree. Healthy accountability should begin within institutions.

External intervention should be reserved for situations involving criminal conduct or where internal systems repeatedly fail to protect people.

I think you'll also appreciate that the website isn't intended to be a conclusion—it's a working body of research. I continue updating documents, correcting errors, adding context, and welcoming feedback because my goal is accuracy, not winning an argument.

You made another point that really resonated with me: that the issue is deeper than Craig. I agree. Craig may be one chapter, but the larger question is why so many institutions—across denominations and even outside the church—struggle with transparency, accountability, and protecting people over protecting reputations.

That's the conversation I'm hoping we can have.

Thank you again for being willing to read, ask hard questions, and challenge ideas respectfully. Those kinds of conversations are exactly how better systems are built.

BREAKING DOWN A PART OF THE CONVERSATION

Core message:

They are saying the church often protects power, image, doctrine, and money more aggressively than it protects people.

Main accusation:

Moral failure is often treated as “forgivable” when the leader preserves the system, but theological disagreement is treated as unforgivable because it threatens the system.

Pearson comparison:

Carlton Pearson lost major standing after teaching the “Gospel of Inclusion” and was declared heretical by Pentecostal peers in 2004. Their point is: *doctrinal threat got punished harder than abuse or betrayal often does.*

Robert Morris comparison:

Robert Morris resigned in 2024 after abuse allegations surfaced, later pleaded guilty in 2025 to child sex abuse-related charges, and was released after serving six months as part of a suspended sentence/probation structure. That makes the comparison emotionally explosive but factually serious.

Craig reference:

They are saying Craig’s situation is not the root issue. It is a symptom. The deeper issue is institutional Christianity’s pattern of reputation management, selective forgiveness, donor protection, and spiritual branding.

The strongest sentence:

“Christendom is sick, has lost the plot and focuses on image more than substance.”

That is the thesis.

Many church systems seem to respond more harshly to doctrinal disagreement than to moral harm, abuse, betrayal, or misuse of power. That is a serious concern. When institutions protect image, money, and doctrine more consistently than they protect people, the problem is no longer one leader’s failure—it becomes a system failure.



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Every institution has the right to defend its beliefs. But no institution should defend its image at the expense of people.

A pattern worth examining is when doctrinal disagreement is met with swift discipline, while moral harm, abuse, betrayal, or the misuse of power is minimized, delayed, or quietly managed.

When that happens repeatedly, the issue is no longer about one individual or one isolated event—it raises questions about the culture and accountability of the system itself.

Healthy organizations are willing to ask difficult questions:

Are people being protected as diligently as reputations?

Are the same ethical standards applied regardless of a person's influence or position?

Is accountability consistent, or does it depend on who is involved?

Do actions reflect the values that are publicly taught?

Real accountability is not anti-church. It is pro-integrity.

Communities become stronger when they are willing to confront uncomfortable truths, learn from mistakes, and place the wellbeing of people above protecting an institution's public image.

Protecting children, families, survivors, and vulnerable people should never be secondary to protecting a brand.

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They knew.

They **knew**.

ml. And they didn't stop it.

Matthew 9:10-13 (NKJV) Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." See less

"Don't allow the actions of evil men to cause you to burn with anger. Instead, burn with unrelenting passion as you worship God in holy awe."

Proverbs 23:17 TPT

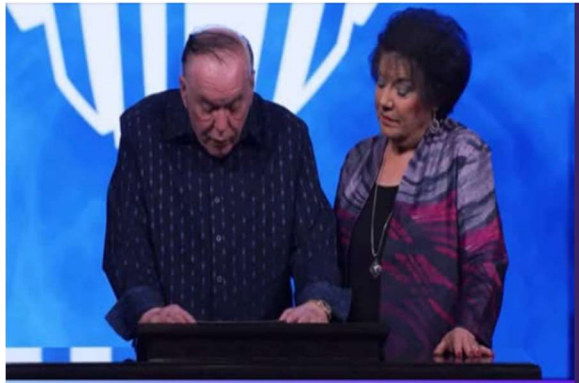
"A godly, righteous person has the ability to bring the light of instruction to the wicked even though he despises what the wicked do."

Proverbs 21:12 TPT

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Discernment will make you misunderstood before it makes sense to others! That's the cost of seeing what others refuse to confront.

When they tell you not to disclose to "keep the peace" they're talking about their peace.



NEWS

Craig Hagin's parents say their son 'hid' his 'double life'; *his wife says they knew*

BY REBECCA HOPKINS

ROYS REPORT



Julie Roys

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One of the hardest questions in any church scandal isn't just what happened? It's WHO KNEW and WHEN?

Too often, institutions claim they were blindsided. Sometimes that's true. Sometimes survivors and family members tell a very different story.

Craig Hagin's parents say their son hid a "double life." His estranged wife says she repeatedly warned them for years.

Read the full story. Link is in the comments.

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You know you have gone **BLIND** when you can "see nothing wrong" with something that God has called **sin**.



Lisa Eshenroder Woolley

June 27 at 6:10 PM · 🌐

Churches should hold abusive preachers accountable instead of applauding them or quietly transferring them to another church.

Sheridan Church Tulsa

Accountability is not an attack on the Church—it is one of the ways we protect it.

If you believe integrity matters more than personalities, if you believe ethical leadership strengthens rather than weakens ministries, and if you believe concerns deserve to be addressed with honesty and transparency, this page is for you.

This is not about taking sides. It is about standing for biblical and ethical principles that protect people, preserve trust, and ensure that every institution entrusted with influence is willing to answer legitimate questions.

Healthy organizations welcome accountability because they understand that truth builds credibility. When leaders model humility, transparency, and responsibility, they create safer environments for families, children, volunteers, staff, and the community.

If you support ethical leadership, good governance, and responsible stewardship at Sheridan Church and throughout Oklahoma, we invite you to join the conversation respectfully.

Real accountability is not about destroying ministries.
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Trump endorsed Jackson Lahmeyer at Sheridan Church and Rhema Bible Church SEX scandal
Apparently the indoctrination continues. You can make this false teaching and manipulation up!
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WHO IS ON THE BOARD?

A governance question that deserves a clear answer.

If the ministry is based out of Texas, but the campuses, staff, students, and community impact are in Tulsa, **who provides oversight?**



WHY THIS MATTERS

- ✓ Oversight and accountability
- ✓ Donor trust
- ✓ Staff and student protection
- ✓ Conflict-of-interest review
- ✓ Independent response to concerns

KEY QUESTIONS

- ? Who sits on the board?
- ? Who has fiduciary responsibility?
- ? Who reviews leadership conduct?
- ? Who handles conflicts of interest?
- ? Who can act independently?

TRANSPARENCY PROTECTS PEOPLE.



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Rhema Worldwide Organization: Why Texas vs. Oklahoma Matters. This is not about attacking Texas. This is about transparency. In Oklahoma, charities that solicit donations generally have to register with the state unless they qualify for an exemption. That creates a public accountability trail. In Texas, most charities and nonprofits do not have to register with the state unless they fall into limited categories.

Why does that matter? Because when an organization operates heavily in Oklahoma, raises money from Oklahoma families, impacts Oklahoma churches, students, staff, donors, and victims — but uses out-of-state structures — it can become harder for the average person

to know: Who is legally responsible? Who is on the board? Who handles complaints? Who oversees money? Who protects students, staff, children, widows, donors, and vulnerable families? Who investigates harm? Who answers when something goes wrong? Locally, this impacts families trying to report concerns. Statewide, it impacts donor protection and public trust. Nationally, it impacts political, religious, and financial influence. Globally, it matters because ministries often operate across countries, campuses, missions, schools, and donor networks. The issue is not location. The issue is whether legal structure is being used to increase transparency — or avoid it. Accountability should not require a scavenger hunt. Do better, Oklahoma. Oklahoma's AG explains that some charities may need both corporate filings and charitable-solicitation registration; Texas says most charities/nonprofits are not required to register with the state.

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/.../registration-and...>

<https://oklahoma.gov/.../divisions/charity-enforcement.html>

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If they might be "tempted to rape," it's because they're rapists; decent people aren't tempted to perpetrate sexual violence.

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President Donald Trump is fighting to bring aluminum manufacturing back to America, and Oklahoma was first in line for one of the biggest economic opportunities our state has seen in a generation.

Unfortunately, our state Attorney General is doing the one thing he knows best: acting like a job-killing trial attorney. This is a pattern. He used these same tactics before to bury our agricultural producers in eastern Oklahoma with endless litigation and uncertainty. Now he is trying to do it again.

Attorney General Gentner Drummond has filed legal action to block the Inola aluminum project, and today the Inola City Council will consider a moratorium that would do exactly what he wants: slow it down, create uncertainty, and put this project at risk.

Here's the truth - President Trump said that if Oklahoma walks away, 20 other states are ready to take this project. They will take the jobs, the investment, the stronger domestic supply chain, and the long-term economic growth that should belong to Oklahoma families.

But I believe nobody can do it better than Oklahoma.

Oklahoma knows how to power America and support our national defense. We are proud to be home to oil and gas refineries, storage facilities, five military installations, and the manufacturers that help equip our armed forces. We have proven that we can build and support major infrastructure safely, responsibly, and with a local workforce that is second to none.

Oklahomans, we cannot afford to let this opportunity slip away. Let's bring these jobs home, strengthen America's supply chain, and build a more prosperous future for our state.

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump

MAGA Warrior Mike Mazzei is running for Governor in Oklahoma, where I was the ONLY President to win ALL 77 Counties in three straight Elections. Additionally, I won more votes than any Candidate in the State's History! I LOVE Oklahoma, and Mike has my COMPLETE and TOTAL Endorsement for Governor!

Meanwhile, his Runoff Election Opponent, Gentner Drummond, is a FAKE Republican.

Governor Kevin Stitt's Post

conceived or built in the Great State of Oklahoma. The group that's doing it is extraordinarily wealthy and, if they don't do it in Oklahoma, they have 20 other sites that would love to have them. We need Aluminum for many reasons, we barely make it in the United States but, in particular, it's all about National Security, and Oklahoma can lead the way. Very simply, Mike Mazzei is for this desperately needed Job Producer. Drummond, for his own reasons, is not — He even SUEd, unsuccessfully, to block it. It's going to be the Biggest Aluminum Plant in the Country, and it's all financed and done.

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Thank you so much for sharing this with me. I deeply respect the work you have done with Christian battered wives, especially for so many years and across so many countries. That kind of work takes courage, endurance, and a real commitment to setting captives free.

I also completely understand and respect you not sharing the names of your Rhema friends without their permission.

One thing I would love to better understand is why domestic violence, coercive control, narcissistic abuse, and spiritual manipulation seem to be such recurring concerns among people connected to Rhema or similar Word of Faith ministry circles.

From your experience, do you believe there are specific teachings, leadership structures, counseling approaches, gender expectations, or church culture patterns that may make it harder for abused women to be believed, protected, or supported?

I am not asking that to attack anyone. I am asking because I believe patterns matter, and if the same types of harm keep showing up across families, churches, graduates, and ministries, then we need to understand what conditions allowed those patterns to continue.

Your perspective would be very valuable because you were working in this space long before many people were willing to name these issues publicly.

Thank you again for your kindness and for the work you have done.

Tracie

Hi Tracie,

Thank you for the work you are doing! It is an answer to many women's prayers! When God brings justice, He vindicates and comforts the righteous and brings accountability to the wicked.

I wish to remain anonymous. I don't want to give my name or the year I graduated. But I wanted to tell you about myself and five other women I knew from Rhema in the 1980s.

Each of us met our perpetrator husbands at Rhema. Each of us went into the ministry with our perpetrator husbands. With the exception of one, we are all now divorced from our perpetrator husbands.

Again, thank you for what you are doing! It means a lot to me, and to many others who have suffered in silence.

Thank you for reaching out. As a victim of Domestic Violence I want to hear all of the details. Can you email them to me? I am currently out of state for the birth of my 8th grandchild but I am working when the littles nap.

FROM: Tracie

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Tracie,

Thank you for your kind and encouraging words! I appreciate it very much!

To answer your questions, I'll start by quoting a few pages from my book, *From Mayberry to Gunsmoke: Life in the Devil's Backyard*, pages 45-48. Then I'll add a couple of lessons I wrote for my classroom *Ask Missy*. One is titled, *It's Coming Through the Pipes*. The other, *Three Ways Moses Responded to Abuse*. Finally, I'll have some concluding comments. This will probably take more than one email. Feel free to quote anything I've written.

Chapter 13 Abuse in the Ministry

Domestic violence is not only a serious problem in our pews; it's also a serious problem in our pulpits. Spousal abuse in the ministry happens more often than people can or want to imagine. The wives of pastors and evangelists began to confide in me. I've spent many hours with them on the phone. The dynamics of abuse in the ministry are complex, and people are hesitant to talk about it.

Four occupations with the highest incidences of DV are: 1) law enforcement; 2) fire and rescue; 3) the military; 4) the ministry. Yet, only 10% of ministers have had any kind of domestic violence training. Without this training, ministers tend to become part of the problem rather than becoming part of the solution.

Why the silence? Why is it so hard for a pastor's wife to disclose abuse? This is what I've learned.

1. She fears that no one will believe her. Her abuser is a well-respected minister. He may have a large and influential ministry. He may be seen as an all-around great guy. And besides this, an abuser can craft a situation ahead of time to paint his wife as troubled, and he, as the competent hero trying to help her. To prevent people from believing her, an abuser will say, "Don't listen to her. She's crazy."

2. She fears that people will blame her. Once she works up the courage and breaks the silence, she may be treated differently. There is a social stigma connected to being abused. She may be shamed or judged. Her abuser blames her, she blames herself, and society blames her.

3. She fears that she could be responsible if the ministry were to fall apart. When a woman is battered, she begins a search for meaning in the midst of the trauma. She changes her theology from a God who empowers to a God who requires suffering. Her concept of God conforms to her experience. She may think the abuse is her cross to bear. If she were to reveal what was going on, the ministry could crumble. She lives under a heavy burden.

Again, why the silence? The people in the church don't want to talk about it. The abused pastor's wife can't talk about it. And the abusive pastor won't talk about it.

Here's something else that needs to be acknowledged. Men who pastor and who abuse their wives typically believe two things. They believe the Bible teaches that marriage is a hierarchy, and they believe that the Church is a hierarchy. This, they believe, gives them the right to control, even by means of abuse. So, the abuse is connected to what they believe the Bible teaches.

These pastors tend to have a complementarian view of marriage. A complementarian marriage is a hierarchy with distinct gender roles. It says that, in function, the husband leads his wife, exercising authoritative male headship, while she is a complementary subordinate or helper. In this model, the husband is ascribed authority over his wife and is morally responsible for her. Military language is used; for example: lines of authority, chains of command; fighting for the marriage, and God's divine order are common. In this model, both abuse and the divorce rates are high.

By contrast, a Biblical marriage is a partnership of equals with social roles, defined not by gender, but by God-given gifts and personalities, as well as developed skills. So, in functioning, the husband and wife share responsibilities and authority according to these traits. In Biblical marriage, both husband and wife report a high level of intimacy. Language expressing mutuality is used; for example, terms such as biblical equality, equal counterparts, and collaborative decision making are the norm. In this model, the divorce rate tends to be lower.

In addition, pastors who abuse their wives may also view the church as an army. But Jesus didn't pattern His Church after the military. The Church is not an army; it is a body.

Whereas, an army is a hierarchy; a body is not. And whereas, an army ranks generals and soldiers on different levels of authority, a body has members, each with a direct connection to the head.

To fight the good fight of faith, the Body of Christ has been given weapons of warfare to combat false teaching. The pieces of the armor of God fit over body parts (Ephesians 6:10-18). The Church is victorious, not because it is an army, but because it is the Body of the Victor.

Thanks for listening.

RHEMA WE HAVE QUESTIONS

Eugene Gregory



Photo added by [MillicBelle](#)

Leon Eugene Gregory

BIRTH 9 May 1965
Merkel, Taylor County, Texas,
USA

DEATH 16 Oct 2009 (aged 44)
Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma,
USA

BURIAL [Bixby Cemetery](#)
Bixby, Tulsa County, Oklahoma,
USA

And the racism angle is interesting.
The singers and band reminded me.

This is the guy that the rumors say. He was getting really popular and traveling around singing.

His CD's and cassettes were in the bookstore.

Apparently one day employees in the bookstore were told to remove all his merchandise from the bookstore.

People say he was devastated.

I'm sure there is a story behind all of that.

Others say the stress Hagins caused him allegedly killed him.

I'll find his obituary.



Rachel Clements · Following

October 24, 2023 · 🌐



For Pastor Appreciation month, I have to remember Pastor Eugene Gregory.

During my 3 years of Rhema, Pastor Eugene took me under his wing and helped me to develop as a singer, musician and worship leader myself.

I had always wanted to write music and play piano in ministry and Eugene helped me go to the next level.

It was during choir, Sunday morning worship, and the year that he was my instructor for School of Worship that he came along side of me to help develop the gift in me.

It is with fondness that I remember our times of recording worship albums, celebrating the holidays at Eugene and his wife's house, spending time with our class in the school of worship and in the accelerated piano class, and having the joy of being immersed in an atmosphere of worship.

It is largely because of Pastor Eugene that I have learned to step out with boldness, excellence and grace in leading God's people into His presence and because he believed in me, I was able to take everything my dad had taught me and transition into what I was destined to do.

Eugene Gregory is no longer with us, and I know I am not the only one that looks forward to seeing him again, but I am grateful for the years I was privileged to know him.

Happy Pastor Appreciation Month to Eugene and his family. Thank you for seeing something big in me. ❤️

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Stronger Every Day is at Rhema.

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RHEMA, WE HAVE QUESTIONS.

Every organization that claims to represent Christ should welcome honest questions, transparency, and accountability.

One name that continues to surface in conversations with former members and alumni is Leon Eugene Gregory, a gifted worship leader whose life ended tragically at the age of 44.

Public records show that Leon Eugene Gregory was born in 1965 and died in Tulsa in December 2009. Beyond those basic facts, many stories continue to circulate among former members about his experiences, his ministry, and what allegedly occurred before his death.

Rumors are not evidence. But recurring questions deserve honest answers—not intimidation, silence, or dismissal.

Questions that deserve clarification:

- What role did Leon Eugene Gregory serve within Rhema?
- Why was his music reportedly removed from the bookstore? If true, who made that decision, and why?
- Was there an official explanation provided to members at the time?
- Were there organizational conflicts involving him prior to his death?
- If concerns existed, were they documented appropriately?
- Were staff or volunteers instructed not to discuss what happened?
- Has Rhema ever publicly addressed these events?
- Are there former employees or witnesses who can provide first-hand accounts?
- Were proper pastoral care, conflict resolution, and mental health supports offered during any disputes?

Why this matters

This is bigger than one individual.

Healthy organizations preserve records.

Healthy organizations answer difficult questions.

Healthy organizations learn from the past.

When institutions refuse to examine difficult chapters in their history, trust erodes. Transparency is not the enemy of the Church—it strengthens integrity.

For advocates, this is about recognizing potential patterns, not assigning guilt without evidence.

If multiple former members independently describe similar experiences involving fear, retaliation, public shaming, loss of ministry opportunities, or organizational pressure, those reports deserve careful documentation and objective review.

Oklahoma Child Wellbeing believes:

Every person deserves dignity.



J.T. Moore

October 19, 2009 · 🌐



Tribute video to Eugene Gregory





Henry Ellison Howey Jr. · [Follow](#)

November 21, 2025 · 🌐



2004, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, RHEMA Bible Training Center.

Pastor Eugene Gregory

The worship leader that taught us from 2001-2004, and who I owe my life to when it comes to leading thousands into YHWH'S PRESENCE!! Enjoy your crowns in Heaven!!! I will see you again, BUT NOT YET, NOT YET!!! 🙏 See less



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Carolyn Sterling Rowden

November 21, 2009 · 🌐

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Eugene was about fifteen years of age when this picture was taken. He played piano for the Singing Sellers Family all over East Texas. The little guy on the front row, is the country singer, Jason Sellers. I also had a six man band that played for me. Eugene played piano for me as well. There was always such a strong anointing on Eugene's life.





Carolyn Sterling Rowden

November 4, 2009 · 🌐



I was not aware of the passing of Eugene until yesterday. It was just over last weekend that I had written him a note. His passing is our loss, and Heaven's gain. Eugene was one super guy. His piano style was absolutely my favorite. Eugene was only about fifteen when he started playing piano for me in East Texas. I have watched him flourish in the Lord over the years. Only eternity will reveal the impact his life has had on thousands.



Comment as Stronger



Tim Corkill

November 1, 2009 · 🌐



is remembering the two years I spent at Rhema with Eugene as the worship leader. During a very special time in my life, he played a special part in my Sunday worship, and helped make those years more than I could of hoped for!!



Comment as Stronger



Rachel Ball Shamp

November 1, 2009 · 🌐



Eugene, you will be so missed but I wonder if you truly knew how appreciated and loved you were? You made an impact on my life and I will forever be grateful for the chance that you gave me to shine. You helped me to believe in myself. You shared and showed the love of the Lord wherever you went and people were changed. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to sing in the choir and for showing such concern when I had my car accident. It never occurred to me that you would have wanted to have been notified so you could come to the hospital. You showed God with skin on. Thank you. We'll miss you but we'll see you again so soon! Enjoy jammin' with angels and give all who have gone before a GREAT BIG HUG from all of us down here. And, Eugene, give Jesus a kiss for me!!! -Rachel See less



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Lisa Veneshia Reddick · [Follow](#)

November 1, 2009 · 🌐



Eue was like a brother to me, I am sure so many people could say that about him. He had a way of



Margo Gregory shared a memory.

February 21, 2018 · 🌐



I know I've shared before, but I truly LOVE this video. Thank you so much, JT [J.T. Moore](#). It's truly a treasure.



8 Years Ago
See your memories
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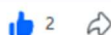
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Tony Jones II · Follow

July 28, 2018 · 🌐

Honored to have been apart of this series. ❤️

I've learned so much from others regarding the "spiritual" aspect of worship, and I just want to honor those who have imparted into me.

Tony L. Jones Toneesbride Jonrs Betty Jones Kenneth E Hagin Brenda Muller [April Jones Rockett](#) [Leigh Ann Merrell Soesbee](#) [Phillip Slaughter](#) [ReJeanna Joliff](#) [Sheri Yelvington Nicholson](#) [Jesse Williams](#) [Sam Steward](#) Eugene Gregory [Barb Readman-Cameneti](#) [Kelbert D McFarland](#) [Joel Siegel](#)

My Pastor, Nancy Dufresne, and the entire Dufresne family have imparted so much into me and I'm learning everyday from them. ❤️ See less



Dufresne Ministries

July 21, 2018 · 🌐





Margo Gregory

October 16, 2020 · 🌐

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11-Year Anniversary

I did a really hard thing this year. I built a salon as if 2020 wasn't going to be hard enough. I did it without my Sweetie...that was extra hard. I wasn't really without him as his presence was in my heart the whole way. I'd remember how he would do things, especially the painting. Eugene had an eye for detail and doing things with excellence. I did my best to honor him with clean lines and expensive, heavy coated ... [See more](#)



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In memory of Eugene Gregory ·

Aimee Sutton Kaduscwicz · October 21, 2009 · 🌐

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Dearest Pastor Eugene. How I have missed you these last few years, and days. How I will miss your sparkling eyes, especially when you were teasing, your infectious laugh, your compassionate heart filled with love for all people, your kindness, generosity, and friendship towards me, your pastoral guidance and leadership, your orneriness, 😊 and your awesome, anointed gifts and talents for the Body of Christ. Until we meet again my dear... [See more](#)



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James Brandt · Following

January 27 · 🌐

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This was a popular song by the Worship Leader, Eugene Gregory, when I attended Rhema Bible Training Center from 2002-2004...this song still moves me! Great Song!— with **Marianne Brandt**.



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Patty LaFon Parmeter shared a memory.

February 20, 2022 · 🌐

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This came up on my feed, great birthday present. Eugene was an awesome worship leader.



12 Years Ago
See your memories
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J.T. Moore

October 19, 2009 · 🌐

Tribute video to Eugene Gregory



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Comment as Stronger Every Day



Devin Kroner

October 19, 2009 · 🌐

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Correction...Eugene Gregory was only 44 when he passed away after ealing with chest pains for a number of months. Still can't believe it!



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