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Faith Life Church Addresses Arrest

New Albany, Ohio – April 18, 2025 – Faith Life Church is deeply saddened by the news of a criminal complaint filed against Gary Thomas (“Tom”) Keesee, Jr., the adult son of Pastors Gary and Drenda Keesee. We know this is a difficult time for our community, our congregation, and all families involved. Faith Life Church decries all forms of sexual abuse and stands with survivors of such abuse in faith and prayer.

The complaint alleges incidents that occurred approximately two decades ago that in no way involved Faith Life Church. The allegations have been investigated by the Licking County Sheriff’s Office, and Faith Life Church has cooperated fully with investigators. We responded in accordance with the information available to us then, and we remain committed to transparency and truth. Our leadership has always pledged to uphold the highest standards of accountability and care, and we renew that promise today.

As this case proceeds through the legal system, we will refrain from further public comment out of respect for due process and the individuals involved. We remain ready to cooperate with any legal inquiries as needed.

Faith Life Church is committed to fostering a safe, compassionate, and just environment. As we approach the Easter weekend—a time of reflection, renewal, and hope—we are reminded of Christ’s triumph over sin and death, and the call to walk in light, even amid darkness. In this season of resurrection, we cling to the promise that truth will prevail, healing is possible, and God is near to the brokenhearted.

We ask for your continued prayers for all those affected by this difficult situation. Faith Life Church is committed to remaining a place of refuge and unwavering faith, grounded in the love, mercy, and justice of Jesus Christ.

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