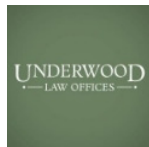




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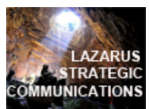
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Texas Minister Had History of "Planting" Churches; Church Family Asks for Prayer

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CHARLESTON, WV (HNN) – A pastor accused of an allegedly sexually assaulting a Sissonville woman has taken his own life, according to officials at the South Central Regional Jail and West Virginia State Police.

Matthew Jarrell had been arraigned Thursday, May 19. Jail officials found him Saturday May 21 between 11 and 11:30 p.m. After trying to revive him, he was transported to a hospital where he was pronounced dead. The minister had been separated from the jail population and held in protective custody.

Jarrell was the senior pastor at the Open Door Baptist Church in Mesquite, Tex. The church also operates the Mesquite Baptist Academy.

Dr. Jarrell came from one of two "sending churches" for Siegfred de Guzman Evangelistic Ministries, which partnered with churches in the Philippines to spread the gospel. In addition, he had been a featured speaker at the national God Save America Revival Conference in Boyne City, Mich. On November 8-11, 2010.

The church he pastored had a significant Spanish ministry and based on a Facebook posting is filled every Sunday.

He was also part of the Randy Taylor Revival ministries

Two individuals had posted on the web favorable experiences at the church.

"Open Door has been such a blessing to my family. They are truly a family centered church. Pastor Jarrell is an up and coming Preacher. He preaches God's word with no apologies. I am honored to be part of such a God centered Church where they go out to reach people that need Christ to fulfill the Great Commission."

Another church-goer wrote, "they open their doors to other churches in need ... which they have proven in their response to Hurricane Katrina.

Following the death of their pastor, the church posted the following on its website: "Thank you for visiting and we covet your prayers during this difficult time. We will update this site as more information is available. However, during this time, we will continue to serve the Lord as we have for the past 46 years.

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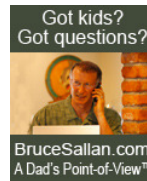
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Hope to see you Sunday, The Entire Church Membership."

Prior to Dr. Jarrell's death , associate pastor Rik Parcell, told WFAA-TV, "Let the courts prosecute him. We love him; we want to help in every way. We want to help the family in every way, but we are not sweeping anything under the carpet."

Kanawha County Deputy Sheriff , Sean Crosier, told the Texas station that Dr. Jarrell had been scheduled to go to trial last month on an indictment for an alleged sexual assault in San Antonio that occurred in 2007.



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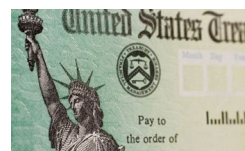
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My heart goes out to everyone that this touches. Every person that has ever been on the earth has sin. most have hidden sins. We need to pray for our brothers and sisters in JESUS. We are in the last days, "he" knows his time is short. There will be more attacks on the body of CHRIST, we need to be in serious prayer for all of the body. Especially those who are hurting. No matter about denomination, when the body hurts we all hurt for them. PRAY and stop the bad mouthing.

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Hmm really?...that's what you have been doing since day 1 Mr. Parcell. And since that day in 2007 when you received a phone call from a few Seniors down in San Antonio to go pick them up because Pastor Jarrell was "missing" for a day and a half and they could not find him. Only to get there and tell them he was in the hospital with Kidney stones and could not be visited. Oooops!!!!

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guest → Mesquiteres1955 · 3 years ago

I kind of figured that when I heard about the charges. But that is not the only people that went to San ANtonio to pick up the Seniors!!!! People need to wake up and clean out the church!!!!!!

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