

## Greenfield Timeline

**ACRONYM KEY:** CCEMES (CHRIST CHURCH ELDERS MEETING, EXECUTIVE SESSION), CCEM (CHRIST CHURCH ELDERS MEETING), CCEDM (CHRIST CHURCH ELDER/DEACON MEETING), CCTRCJM (CHRIST CHURCH/TRINITY REFORMED JOINT MEETING), CCHOHM (CHRIST CHURCH HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD MEETING), LTRS (LETTERS)

**COLOR KEY:** PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR GREENFIELDS (YELLOW), HOLDING JAMIN RESPONSIBLE (GREEN), ATTEMPTS TO PROTECT NATALIE (TURQUOISE), DISCIPLINE OF GARY GREENFIELD FOR ABUSIVE TREATMENT OF FAMILY (GRAY)

### 2005

**CCEMES (8/18/05) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson reported that Jamin Wight has been arrested for sexual misconduct with a minor. Jamin was a Greyfriar as this situation was going on. Jamin has written a full confession. A complaint has been filed by the family against Jamin. He is facing the possibility of life imprisonment. Jamin has hired Dean Wullenwaber as his attorney. Jamin's next hearing is September 1. Doug Wilson exhorted the elders to not mention the family's name when discussing this situation with others. Doug encouraged the elders to pray for this situation.

**LRTS (8/22/05)** "Jamin's crime and sin in this was of a particularly egregious nature . . . and his behavior involved a great deal of calculated deception." "We have verbally instructed him (and have followed it up with a letter) that he is responsible to own his crime and take full responsibility for the consequences of it." (from Douglas Wilson to Officer Green).

The Greenfields "did this by inviting Jamin to move in with them, encouraging and permitting a relationship between Jamin and Natalie, while keeping that relationship secret from the broader community" (from Douglas Wilson to Officer Green)

**LRTS (8/22/05)** "We want your first thought in all your practical choices to be the protection of the Greenfields, and particularly Natalie" (from Douglas Wilson to Jamin Wight)

**CCEM (8/25/05)** Doug Wilson reported that Jamin will be coming to the elders meeting, and that he will speak generally, according to his attorney's suggestion. His attorney is not a Christian. Doug stated that Jamin will appear in court September 1.

**Meeting with Jamin Wight:** Jamin was invited to the table. Doug Jones opened the time in prayer. After some preliminary words from Doug Wilson and Doug Jones, Jamin thanked the elders for allowing him to speak. Jamin expressed his grief over his sin, his recognition of how far reaching his sin may reach, and asked for forgiveness for his sin. He thanked the elders for their prayers and support. The elders extended their forgiveness. Jamin left the meeting.

**CCEM (9/1/05) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson distributed a proposed letter to the father of the daughter affected by Jamin Wight for the elders to edit. The Greyfriars were dismissed early during this discussion. Motion (PB/JH) to authorize Doug Wilson to give the father this letter. Passed

**LRTS (9/1/05)** "The elders were very distressed over the way Jamin took sinful advantage of your daughter, but we also have to say that we were just as distressed at your extremely poor judgment as a father and protector. We understand that you have confessed your sin and folly in this, but we remain very concerned about the possibility that this whole legal process could proceed in a way that continues to leave Natalie unprotected" (from Doug Wilson to Gary Greenfield)

## CHRIST CHURCH TIMELINE ON THE GREENFIELD SITUATION

**CCEM (9/15/05) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson distributed a proposed response to the father of the girl with whom Jamin Wight had a sinful relationship. Motion (PB/JN) to approve the sending of the letter as amended. Passed

**LTRS (9/15/05)** “Your sin did create a vulnerability for Natalie, a vulnerability that Jamin took sinful advantage of. What we are doing is exhorting you to make protection of Natalie your highest priority in the months to come, because we are convinced that she will need it” (from Douglas Wilson to Gary Greenfield).

“The problem was that you had a young man in his twenties living in your home, in a relationship that you knew about with your fourteen-year-old daughter. You kept this relationship secret from others, which contributed to Natalie’s vulnerability” (from Douglas Wilson to Gary Greenfield)

“Again, Jamin is in no way justified by any of this, and we have no problem with his prosecution” (from Douglas Wilson to Gary Greenfield).

**CCTRCJM (11/3/05) Trinity and Christ Church pastors' reports:** Doug Wilson reported on the situation with Jamin Wight. At his arraignment, Jamin plead “not guilty” for the purposes of being able to defend himself. The Greenfields were surprised and upset at Jamin’s plea. Doug Wilson is seeking to talk with Gary Greenfield about this. Jamin’s trial is set for February. Mike Lawyer exhorted the elders and the Greyfriars not to discuss this with others outside of this meeting. Peter Leithart noted that Jamin has not yet told his employer about this situation because of the restrictions placed on him by the elders. The elders agreed to give Jamin permission to explain the situation to his employer.

**CCTRCJM (12/1/05)** Doug Wilson reported on Jamin Wight’s legal situation.

**CCHOHM (12/12/05)** Doug Wilson reported on Jamin Wight’s legal situation. The charge against Jamin was of a sexual nature with someone under age. Doug explained that Jamin has pled not guilty for the purpose of telling the whole story, but he is owning and confessing his sin in this situation.

## 2006

**CCTRCJM (1/5/06) Trinity and Christ Church pastors' reports:** Doug Wilson reported that he spoke with Gary Greenfield, Jamin Wight and Greg Dickison regarding Jamin’s situation. Jamin took a psychological test. If he passes the test, there may be a plea arrangement.

**CCTRCJM (2/2/06) Trinity and Christ Church pastors' reports:** Doug Wilson asked about Jamin Wight’s status. Peter Leithart said that Jamin is waiting to hear the results from the psychological test he has taken.

**CCEM (3/2/06) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson reported that Gary Greenfield has been attending Eastern Orthodox services in Post Falls every other Sunday. Pat Greenfield is opposed to Eastern Orthodoxy. Doug is meeting with the Greenfields regarding this issue. Ben Greenfield will be joining Christ Church, Spokane. Regarding Jamin Wight’s situation, it appears that they may settle out of court.

**Trinity and Christ Church pastors' reports:** Doug Wilson reported on Jamin Wight’s situation. Jamin will likely plead guilty on one count, which will result in his being labeled, at least temporarily, as a sexual offender. The elders discussed how to make this announcement at the Heads of Households meeting. Doug Wilson also reported that Gary Greenfield has recently converted to Greek Orthodoxy, and is attending church in Post Falls. His wife is stridently opposed to this, and his family does not appear to be going along. Doug will be meeting with Pat and Gary this afternoon. The elders agreed that Doug Wilson should draft a statement regarding Jamin Wight’s situation to be read to the church, which he will show to the Greenfields and Jamin beforehand. Doug noted that Gary is not planning on moving to Post Falls.

**CCEM (3/16/06) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson met with Gary and Pat Greenfield.

## CHRIST CHURCH TIMELINE ON THE GREENFIELD SITUATION

**CCEM (3/30/06) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson updated the elders on the situation with Gary Greenfield. Gary has converted to Eastern Orthodoxy. Doug reported that, from his observations and other reports, Gary has been harsh with his family. Doug reported that Gary has refused to meet with him or other elders from Christ Church about this. Doug Wilson reported that he suspended Gary from the Lord's Supper over his refusal to meet with the elders regarding questions involving his treatment of his family. Doug reported that Pat and Gary disagree over where to send Rosie to school. . . . Motion (MG/JH) to sustain Doug Wilson's suspension of Gary Greenfield from the Lord's Supper. Passed.

**CCEM (4/13/06) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson reported that the situation with the Greenfields continues to deteriorate. They need to be out of their house by the end of June, but do not yet have a place to live. Motion (DW/WS) to suspend Gary Greenfield from the Lord's Table indefinitely for refusing to meet with the elders regarding his treatment of his wife. Passed.

**CCEM (4/20/06) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson reported that he sent an email to Gary Greenfield asking him to meet with the elders. Gary replied negatively. Doug reported that Gary has continued to mistreat Pat, and act erratically.

**CCEM (4/27/06) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson reported that the situation with the Greenfields is continuing to deteriorate. Gary is requiring the family to cease attending Christ Church, and has told them that he is moving them to Post Falls. Doug Wilson has been in contact with Father Gregory of the Greek Orthodox church there. Doug sent him a letter yesterday.

**CCTRCJM (5/4/06) Trinity and Christ Church pastors' reports:** Doug Wilson reported that Gary Greenfield has moved to an apartment in Post Falls. Pat and the family have to be out of their house by the end of June. Gary has allowed Pat to remain in Moscow temporarily. Pat has rented the Atwood house. Pat would like to put Rosie in Logos. Natalie has announced that she is not going to Post Falls. She is a student at the University of Idaho. Gary is trying to sell Bucers, and is trying to buy some land in Post Falls. Doug reported that last Sunday, Michael Metzler called Doug Wilson regarding the Greenfield's situation.

**CCEM (5/18/06) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson reported that Gary Greenfield has told his family that, despite their protests, he planned to take them all to Post Falls when he returns there. Doug reported that Gary has filed a complaint against Doug Wilson with the Child Protective Services for his speaking with Rosie Greenfield.

**CCEM (5/25/06) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson reported on the counsel he has made to Pat Greenfield in regard to the Greenfield family situation. Doug has counseled Pat to remain in Moscow until we have assurances of her safety, welfare and protection.

**LTRS (6/3/06)** "You have no right to treat your wife the way you are doing, and you do not belong to a church that will ever grant you that right" (from Douglas Wilson to Gary Greenfield).

**LTRS (6/6/06)** Certain key points are here summarized from a letter to Gary from Natalie. The review committee has access to the full letter, but we are not releasing the letter, or quoting extensively from it, in order to protect the privacy of those involved as much as possible. But in the letter, Natalie tells her father that Douglas Wilson had been a great encouragement and help to her, that a father's authority is not absolute, citing the example of Abigail, and that she was writing on her own, not manipulated or coerced.

**CCEM (6/15/06) Deacons report:** Eric Burnett reported on his meeting with Pat Greenfield. Gary has cut off any finances from Pat.

**Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson asked for the elders to give input regarding Gary Greenfield's status in the church. Motion (JN/EI) to ask Doug Wilson to assemble charges against Gary Greenfield toward possible excommunication. Passed. Mike Lawyer suggested personal appeals from other elders to Gary. Jim Nance offered to contact Gary by email and phone to try to set up a meeting.

## CHRIST CHURCH TIMELINE ON THE GREENFIELD SITUATION

**LTRS (6/15/06)** Certain key points are here summarized from a letter to Doug from Natalie. The review committee has access to the full letter, but we are not releasing the letter, or quoting extensively from it, in order to protect the privacy of those involved as much as possible. **But in the letter, Natalie reported to Doug that Gary had blamed her —“he said I did this to us.” He said Natalie was sick with ulcers because she was rebellious and sinful. “Did I do this? He said I did this . . .”**

**CCEM (6/22/06)** Deacons’ report: Marc Rust and Eric Burnett reported on Pat Greenfield’s situation. **It was moved, seconded (DJ/MG), and passed to put Pat Greenfield on the deacons’ list.**

**CCTRCJM (7/6/06)** Trinity and Christ Church pastors’ reports: Peter Leithart reported that Jamin Wight was sentenced to a six-month term in Cottonwood. Peter told the elders that they could talk to Bruce Evans or Ed Van Nuland about visits or writing letters to Jamin.

Doug Wilson distributed the first draft of charges against Gary Greenfield, which the elders had asked Doug to write. The elders read the letter, and Doug identified some possible changes. Doug answered questions and clarified certain points about the letter and possible hearing. Doug will bring another proposed letter next week, and a date will then be set for the hearing. Motion (DW/JH) to continue in this direction. Passed (only Christ Church elders voting).

**CCEM (7/13/06)** Pastor’s Report: Doug Wilson reported on the proposed charges against Gary Greenfield. The elders agreed to read through these and discuss them in two weeks.

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES:** Gary was suspended from the Supper in March of 2006 for his refusal to meet with the elders regarding questions of his treatment of his family. This was a four week suspension. The suspension was made indefinite in April because of his continued refusal to meet. His behavior was terrible, including toward Natalie. Charges were drawn up for an excommunication trial in July of 2006. Those charges included "unrepentant mistreatment," "harsh and abusive language," "vandalizing the family business," "refusal to supply financial support," and "claiming the authority of a husband and father [was] virtually absolute." When he joined the EO church, we set aside the trial (for the sake of the family), and considered his departure while under suspension as tantamount to excommunication.

**CCEM (8/31/06)** Pastor’s report: Doug Wilson. He would like to discuss the Gary Greenfield package at the elders meeting on 10 August. He has requested that the elders review that package in preparation for that meeting.

**CCEM (8/17/06)** Pastor’s report: The elders provided input concerning the charges on the Gary Greenfield case. Motion by Jim Nance (seconded by Wes Struble) to approve the charges as written with the editorial changes discussed. Approved unanimously.

**CCEM (8/24/06)** Pastor’s report by Doug Wilson Doug Wilson updated us on the Gary Greenfield status. **Doug asked Marc to check on the church’s Christian Education funds to help cover Logos’ expenses for Rosie**

**CCEM (11/9/06)** Pastor’s report by Doug Wilson. Regarding the charges against Gary Greenfield: there is a buyer lined up for Bucers’s. **Once that is final, the elders can move ahead with charges against Gary without him retaliating against Pat. Pat feels like she’s having to be both dad and mom with all the kids. Natalie is struggling in various ways.**

**CCEM (11/30/06)** Pastor’s report: Doug Wilson reported that, if everything goes according to plan, Gary Greenfield’s interest in Bucers will be bought out tomorrow. Gary is due to be received into the Eastern Orthodox Church within the month. Doug will be reviewing the charges to be brought against Gary.

**CCEM (12/14/06)** Pastor’s report: Doug Wilson reported on the Gary Greenfield situation. **Doug read an email from Pat regarding the upcoming trial against Gary. Doug asked if the charges against Gary could be made more general regarding his unbiblical way of dealing with his family. Doug will not yet send the charges to Gary, but will try to contact Gary in order to see him.**

## CHRIST CHURCH TIMELINE ON THE GREENFIELD SITUATION

**CCEM (12/21/06)** Pastor's report: Doug Wilson distributed copies of the proposed charge against Gary Greenfield, along with a letter which he wrote to Gary. Doug read a letter written to Pat Greenfield, and her response. Pat asked to be removed as a witness against Gary at the trial. The elders made some minor modifications to the charge. Motion (JH/WS) to approve the charge against Gary, as edited. Passed.

### 2007

**CCTRCJM (1/4/07)** Pastor's reports: Doug Wilson reported that Gary Greenfield's trial will be postponed until February. Doug reported that he received a couple of notes from Father Gregory which were gratifying. Doug also met with Matthew Steinberg to explain the issue regarding Gary's discipline. Doug suggested that we hold a special hearing for Gary's trial, rather than holding it with the regular heads of households meeting.

**CCEM (1/18/07)** Pastor's report by Doug Wilson. Douglas gave an update on the Greenfield disciplinary hearing. Douglas recommended that Pat get certain assurances from Gary and Father Gregory before he moves back into the house. The elders recommended that we send Gary a letter rebuking and admonishing him in the areas that we are concerned

**CCEM (1/25/07)** Pastor's report by Douglas Wilson: Douglas presented a proposed letter to Gary Greenfield. Ed Iverson moved (Jim Nance seconded) that we send the letter as written with changes as noted.

**LTRS (1/29/07)** "There were several reasons why we did not proceed directly to a hearing. The first was that your treatment of your wife and family had been so harsh, unkind, and erratic, that we were concerned about the possibility of you retaliating against members of your family (financially and otherwise) if we brought discipline against you immediately" (from Douglas Wilson to Gary Greenfield)

Note: This was the letter in which Gary was informed that his status was tantamount to excommunication, which would continue unless he came "back to us and [was] able to give us assurances that you are prepared to treat your wife and family in a far more scriptural and God-honoring way."

**CCEM (2/22/07)** Pastor's report: Doug Wilson presented a note from Roy Atwood regarding Pat Greenfield's renting of his property. Roy had agreed to temporarily rent the property to Pat at a reduced price. The elders asked the deacons to offer financial assistance to Roy to make up some of the shortfall in income.

**CCTRCJM (3/1/07)** Church reports: Christ Church: Douglas Wilson discussed the letter from Father Gregory to the Christ Church elders concerning Gary Greenfield. Douglas presented a proposed response to Father Gregory. The elders agreed by general consent that his response be sent to Father Gregory with the changes as noted.

Deacons report : The deacons recommend putting Pat Greenfield on the deacon's list so they can meet with her and determine her financial needs. Wes moved (Jim seconded) putting Pat on the deacon's list. Passed.

**CCHOHM (4/10/07)** Doug Wilson reported on the actions which the elders have taken in regard to Gary Greenfield. Gary had been suspended from the Lord's Supper in late March 2006 for refusing to meet with the elders regarding his treatment of his wife and family. On April 13, 2006, that suspension of the Lord's Supper was extended to an indefinite length. Gary's mistreatment of his family is entangled in the issue of Gary embracing Eastern Orthodoxy. The elders were concerned with any financial repercussions that Gary could have taken, and so have moved slowly. Gary was received into the Eastern Orthodox Church in December 2006 while under suspension in Christ Church. Doug read portions of a letter written by him on behalf of the elders and sent to Gary, notifying him that by his behavior he is acting as an excommunicant, and that he remains under suspension from the Supper regardless of where he worships. Doug has been attempting to meet with Gary, Pat, and the priest in the church that Gary is attending. Doug reported that Gary is to be treated by church members as if he were excommunicated. Doug defended the decision to not proceed with a trial against Gary for his treatment with his family or his defection to Orthodoxy.

## CHRIST CHURCH TIMELINE ON THE GREENFIELD SITUATION

**CCEM (4/19/07) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson read a letter from Pat Greenfield thanking the church for the tuition gift for Rosie.

**CCEM (5/10/07) Deacon's Report:** Marc Rust reported that they have been asked to cover some rent that Pat Greenfield owes to Roy Atwood. Doug Wilson explained the situation. The deacons wanted to know if Pat's inability to pay the rent creates a hardship for the Atwoods. The deacons will take care of this.

**CCEM (5/24/07) Elder reports:** John Grauke . . . reported that Gary Greenfield has not paid medical bills for the family, and asked for advice. The elders suggested that John send the bill to collection, and to try to get it sent to Gary's new address.

**CCEM (6/7/07) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson reported that he is checking on Natalie Greenfield's situation. She is in a relationship with a non-Christian. Doug suggested that we set up a protocol for dealing with children who need to be suspended from the Lord's Table.

**CCEM (7/19/07) Pastor's report by Douglas Wilson:** Douglas met with Pat Greenfield to discuss her situation. It looks like Gary is planning to file for a divorce on grounds of abandonment. Natali Greenfield is engaged to a non-believer. Douglas moved (Gordon seconded) that we suspend Natalie Greenfield from the supper. Passed.

**CCEM (8/8/07) Deacons report by Marc Rust.** The deacons are expecting an Ed Fund request from the Greenfields for Rosie at Logos. Otherwise, there are no other Ed Fund requests pending.

**Pastor's Report:** Douglas updated the elders about Natalie Greenfield.

**CCEM (8/16/07) Deacons' Report:** Received request for Rosy Greenfield for help at Logos. Deacons approved it.

Discussed security at DW's house. Postponed until building on DW's property is finished.

Doug Wilson inquired about the status of Greenfield rent to Atwoods, and Marc Rust reported the deacons determined not to add any supplement at this time.

## 2008

**CCTRCJM (4/3/08) Trinity and Christ Church pastors' reports:** Doug Wilson reported that Pat Greenfield has filed for divorce. Gary Greenfield abandoned her and their children almost two years ago. Gary is now living in a bus at a monastery on Vashon Island. His leaving of the church and joining the Eastern orthodox church was recognized by the church as tantamount to excommunication.

**CCHOHM (4/8/08)** Doug Wilson reported that Pat Greenfield has filed for divorce from her husband. Pat has the full support of the church in this, and Doug explained the church's biblical rationale in this.

**CCEM (5/1/08) Pat Greenfield told Douglas that she is unsure if the deacons knew that she was applying for support.** Marc said that the deacons will be more specific with her about what she needs to do.

**CCEM (5/15/08) Moderator's notes:** Mike Lawyer read a note from Rosie and Pat Greenfield, thanking the church for providing for Rosie's education at Logos School.

**CCEM (6/5/08) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson asked for prayer for Pat Greenfield, who is in the midst of difficult divorce proceedings with Gary.

**CCEM (6/12/08) Deacons report by Marc Rust.** The following education fund requests were granted: Rosie Greenfield: \$300/mo

**CCTRCJM (7/10/08) Trinity and Christ Church pastors' reports** Doug Wilson reported that Gary Greenfield is moving back to Moscow. He appears to be in the process of repenting. He met with Doug yesterday, seeking

## CHRIST CHURCH TIMELINE ON THE GREENFIELD SITUATION

forgiveness and thanking the elders for helping with Pat. He appears to be broken, though he has not abandoned Eastern Orthodoxy. They have put a hold on the divorce, which was going to be final in three weeks. Doug encouraged the elders to pray for Gary. He is still suspended from the Lord's table.

**CCEM (7/24/08) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson reported that there is some progress with Gary Greenfield. Gary has recently met with Doug and apologized for his previous behavior. Pat Greenfield has put a hold on the divorce proceedings. Gary will be paying for Rosie's tuition for Logos.

**CCEM (11/20/08) Deacon's report:** Eric Burnett asked about Pat Greenfield's financial situation. Doug Wilson explained that the problems with the Greenfields are not financial but spiritual and familial.

**CCTRCJM (12/4/08)** Doug Wilson reported that Pat Greenfield is not in a good situation. Gary is living with her in the apartment, but is being aggressive with his Eastern Orthodoxy in an obnoxious way.

### 2009

**CCHOHM (4/28/09)** Doug Wilson mentioned the situation with Gary Greenfield's return to Moscow. Gary and Pat are now divorced, at Gary's instigation.

**CCEM (7/9/09) Deacon's report:** Marc Rust reported that the deacons met Tuesday. The deacons decided not to ask Gary Greenfield about funding Rosie's tuition.

### 2010

**CCEM (2/18/10) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson reported that Pat Greenfield's financial situation has deteriorated, in part because business at Bucers is down. The deacons will check with Pat.

**CCEDM (3/9/10)** Marc Rust reported that Doug Wilson asked the deacons to approach Pat Greenfield about her financial needs.

**CCEM (3/25/10)** John Sawyer asked about the status of the people listed as under discipline in the weekly bulletin. Some have moved away and are out of contact; however some are still in the area and /or are in contact with families in the church. Follow-up is or will be initiated with: Natali Greenfield: Doug

**CCEM (4/8/10) Deacons' report:** Marc reports that the deacons are working with Pat Greenfield on her coming income crisis.

### 2011

**CCEM (8/11/11) Pastor's report:** Doug Wilson read a note of thanks from Pat Greenfield for the financial support for Rosie Greenfield's tuition.

### 2013

**CCEM (1/24/13) Pastoral issues:** Doug Wilson read a thank you note from Rosie Greenfield.