

Light of the World Christian Center

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Worship Service location:

Sunday: 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Bruce D. Burwell, Senior Pastor of Light of the World Christian Center in West Bloomfield, MI. In Dec. 2010 or early Jan. 2011, I made a call to the Farmington Hills School district to inquire about the possible purchase of Eagle Elementary School on the corner of 14 Mile Road and Middlebelt Road. I was directed to talk to the person who was in charge of district properties. I believe her name was Cheryl Canon. I expressed to her that our church was currently renting Church of Our Saviour up the street on Middlebelt Road. And that we recently noticed that there were no kids playing outside and that the school was closed. Even though there was **no For Sale Sign** outside that the school was possibly up for sale. I told her that we were interested in purchasing a building for our church and that I would like to have the opportunity along with my Head Trustee to look inside the building. **To my surprise** she then proceeded to tell me that the building was not suitable to purchase. I told her we looked at the exterior of the building and it looked suitable to me. She told me that the plumbing, heating and other items were in bad shape. She stated that the school district was in the process of taking various useful items out of that building and taking them to other buildings within the district. She proceeded to tell me that they had decided to demolish the building and to sell the land. I told her that there was a possibility that we would be still interested in buying the land and building a church on the site. She told me to send her a letter so that when that time came that she would put me on the list of possible buyers of the land.

After that conversation I talked to several people in our church as to **how odd it was that in these bad economic times that the Farmington Hills School District would not be JUMPING AT THE CHANCE to sell one of their buildings to an interested buyer. It made no sense to spend tax dollars to TEAR A BUILDING DOWN and then sell the land to someone. Why not let the buyer make the decision as to whether he thinks the building is worth buying AND SAVE THE DEMOLITION CHARGES. We, also, talked about HOW ODD it was that if they were SERIOUSLY trying to sell the building, why did they NOT HAVE A FOR SALE SIGN UP.** We later decided that we were not interested in building a church at this time and that we would continue to pursue finding an existing structure, so I did not write her the letter.

Not long after that, we read an article in the C& G Newspaper that the Farmington Hills School District stated that there were **NO INTERESTED BUYERS** and that they were going to demolish the school. I later received a call from a pastor in Farmington Hills that stated that something was definitely going wrong with how they were handling the Eagle Elementary School property and if I would be interested in testifying as to what occurred with me. I told him that I would.

Recently, I received a call from Eugene Greenstein concerning my story. He stated that the community was not happy as to what has been going on and had been told that I previously was an interested buyer. He proceeded to tell me that they now have a buyer for the building. I told him that there is **NO DOUBT IN MY MIND that something is going on.** If anyone is interested in my story, **call my cell at [REDACTED].**

“God Bless You!”

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