

### **Three-Year-Old Class Mom #2**

My husband and I, as parents of a child who was in class where the perpetrator served, believe that Church Elders handled this horrible situation with grace, honesty and best interest of children at heart. Fellowship has our continuous support and we believe our children are safe there. We will pray for the child that was hurt and the family to find peace and recovery.

### **END Sexual Child Abuse**

Church asked parents to keep quiet <http://www.tennessean.com/.../family-files.../76591682/>

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Not the church. Police made church keep quiet because of both perpetrator and the victim being minors. There are laws protecting both minors in this case. It was an on going investigation. Church elders and pastors actually went against police when actual charges were brought and met with all the parents of children who were at least once under the care of the perpetrator. To make sure other children were not harmed, to know our thoughts and fears about the situation. If they wanted to keep it quiet, would they do that? That meeting happened months ago, as soon as the police investigation was concluded and charges were brought. The church has layers and layers of protection for children when under the care of volunteers and those safeguards has been even made even more strict since this incident occurred. Nobody takes this lightly. We are volunteers ourselves for 3 years now and every year we go through background checks and all our references are dutifully called... I am truly sorry and my heart aches for the victims family. It is awful, the trust has been broken. But to be honest I have full confidence that my child is safer at Fellowship than at his school or gym class ect. So there.