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Dear Voluntary Elder(s),

My family has attended Pleasant View Bible Church for 20+ years and I have witnessed four different administrations in this period of time.

I have observed the French/Lofquist admin, which was a healthy-Berean culture that encouraged thoughtful study that encourages rebukes from the body of believers. From there we transitioned to the Porter/Hontz admin that focuses on submission to the elders without questioning the leadership by inciting Hebrews 13:17, as a verse of choice. This is unbiblical since Matthew 28:18 states that all authority is Christ's not church leaders. This is also true in government, unless it becomes tyrannical, as can be the case in legalistic churches.

I also noticed the biggest shift in this churches doctrine transitioning from Porter to Hontz, when paid associate pastors were repeatedly caught by other staff viewing pornographic images in the church's office. Grace and tolerance was the message to the body of believers. Soon after this occurred, I came and confessed that I needed help with my marriage since we could not agree on the problems. Porter referred me out of the church to "christian" marriage counseling, where we spent 3-4 years of time and money. We didn't agree since confession was never a major part of the discussion and remains a problem today. The Porter admin of "Hyper-grace' to the elders and the Hontz admin to 'Legalist-judgement' to the hurting members of the body admin" have changed the culture and doctrine of the church. The following are dispersed hyper links in the explanations that validate my observations. I whole-heartedly believe this has occurred due to the Idols of the Heart training from Lafayette, IN [http://www.psychoheresy-aware.org/idols\\_heart.html](http://www.psychoheresy-aware.org/idols_heart.html) <https://paulspassingthoughts.com/2015/07/09/an-open-letter-to-dr-heath-lambert-executive-director-association-of-certified-biblical-counselors/> and the Neo-Calvinist theologies of John Piper and others, who hold to an authentic reformation theology that I have seen taught the past several years. It perpetuates a system of manipulation and coercion. These

teachings usurp and undermine the authorities God established in the home and transfer them to church elders. This is unbiblical and wrong doctrinally!

Note:

Out of much conviction and great sadness, I must withdraw my membership from this church effective immediately to focus on reconciliation with my wife. This can only occur through confession/repentance and forgiveness that follows humility and this is not being taught in the marriage program. James 5:16 should be the banner verse for restoration. <http://versebyversecommentary.com/james/james-516/> The destructive doctrines of this current church administration are not helping only hindering the reconciliation process. I hope the elders will return as overseers to guard against these false teachings, as they once stood watch as Berean's at PVBC. 2 Peter 2:1-3

Sincerely,

Tim Smith