

# BREAKING NEWS: Robert Morris Resigns from Gateway Church

Robert Morris has resigned from Gateway Church.

The statement came from the Board of Elders of Gateway Church:

*Today, June 18, the Board of Elders of Gateway Church accepted the resignation of Robert Morris, the senior pastor. In addition, the Board has retained the law firm of Haynes & Boone, LLP, to conduct an independent, thorough, and professional review of the report of past abuse to ensure we have a complete understanding of the events from 1982-1987."*

The statement noted that the "elders did not have all the facts of the inappropriate relationship between Morris and the victim, including her age at the time and the length of the abuse."

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With previous references to a "young lady," the board did not realize Morris' "extramarital relationship" was actually the abuse of a child.

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*We are heartbroken and appalled by what has come to light over the past few days, and we express our deep sympathy to the victim and her family. For the sake of the victim, we are thankful this situation has been exposed. We know many have been affected by this, we understand that you are hurting, and we are very sorry. It is our prayer that, in time, healing for all those affected can occur."*

This news comes right after Morris stepped away from his position as overseer at Church of the Highlands.

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