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No knowledge of abuse.....

IMO, this would certainly bring Mr. Johnson's intellect and good sense into question.

As a board member of New Bethany, you have to think about where Mr. Johnson's head was if he made a motion to close New Bethany permanently, due to New Bethany having lost state and federal cases with no recourse available.

If Johnson is claiming to have had no knowledge of abuse at New Bethany, then why would he make a motion to have the home closed without knowing WHAT ALL THE COURT CASES WERE ABOUT?

No knowledge of abuse? Nobody bothered to tell him about 20/20 showing up at the New Bethany gates? He wasn't aware of the international news coverage in 1999 (2 yrs before he made the motion to close the home) when Matthew Grise's grandmother raised a stink with the media because Mack Ford refused to let his grandmother see him (Matt) one last time before she died?

Did nobody tell him about the fire marshall and department of social services showing up with an ex parte order to interview EIGHTY FOUR GIRLS?

Did nobody tell him about the hundreds of pages of depositions given by Mack and Thelma on the stand in 1997 where they perjured the crap out of themselves? Not to mention the deposition given by one of the social workers involved in the MANY investigations about New Bethany?

How can he claim to have no knowledge of abuse when he was QUOTED by the media saying he was happy with the outcome of the 1984 New Bethany trial in Walterboro, SC? The same case where EVIDENCE disclosed that when the New Bethany Boy's home was raided, LAW ENFORCEMENT found a boy locked in a concrete cell in his underwear with nothing but a coffee can to go to the bathroom in? And also knowing that Olen/Olin King (Mack Ford's designee to run the place, not to mention the father-in-law of Mack's youngest daughter, Penny) himself was quoted by the media saying that he beat the boys with PVC pipe because he knew it wouldn't leave marks on them?

He didn't know, huh? After all that, if he still claims he didn't know of any abuse, then he doesn't have the sense to ask "do you want fries with that?" in a McDonald's drive-thru, much less hold the position of vice-president of ANYTHING, let alone a college.

Yea. We know where his head was. It was straight up Mack Ford's ass.

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I was at new bethany in 88 to 90 i was thirteen years old my mother and i really were close i thought. I really was a good kid i never got in trouble i just started hanging out with the wrong people. my mom had tricked me in going to boarding school something i always wanted to go to. I remember getting to

the long road to new bethany there were these tall fences and gates that had chains on them. we pulled up and waited for someone to come and unlock the chains and open the gate for us to drive in. I remember asking my mom at that time where were we what is this place. we pulled up to be greeted by several girls and an older woman with white hair {miss shipman} my mom told me this place will help you. I begged her to please don't leave me. we went inside I was taken to miss shipman's room when I turned around and saw my mom pulling away I took off towards the front door screaming mom mom please don't leave me I was running behind her down the driveway screaming and crying for her to please stop come back please I'm yelling I'll be good I promise I'll do anything please don't leave me. that's when I saw her stop the car and I thought she was coming back I stopped running and just cried. asking her please I love you I'm so sorry for being bad I will never do it again. and that's when they opened the gate for her to leave. I remember watching her drive off. I never felt so alone before in my life I was so scared. that's when miss shipman grabbed my arm and pulled me inside. I was taken in the back to get debugged is what they called it. I was scrubbed down with a brillo pad and some blue, I was sprayed down with raid and lice shampoo for my hair. I was given these blue cool lots to wear and a white button up shirt. I kept saying to myself my mom will come back as soon as she got home and realized what she had done. never came back again. my nightmare has just begun. as the next few days went by all I could do was cry. miss shipman told me I needed to stop or there would be sure I had a reason to cry. I kept crying. late one night she heard me crying and came in to the room I was in a grabbed me by the arm and pulled me out of bed and pulled me all the way to her room. that's when I got my first lick. I was told to pull up my nightgown and pull my panties down and bend over to hold on to her chair. I had never been hit with anything till that day. I was hit so many times with a wooden paddle that I threw up. I even got licks for that. that was my first week being there. as time went by it got worse. the day the police came to talk to us I had been in trouble earlier that day. my hands were scrubbed with a brillo pad and soaked in bleach and pinesol they were wrapped up I told the officer what has been going on there and again I was banned all over again. I was beaten by the staff members of Mack Ford {miss shipman, nora carter, Mrs Garris, brother Garris. miss Shannon Scott, even Thelma Ford aka mama Ford Mack Ford's wife. I was raped multiple times by the staff at New Bethany {brother Garris, brother Bobby. the grounds keeper. and Mack Ford himself. I was raped on trips by Mack Ford I was raped in the gym pool area, by his male staff members I was put in a secret room several times {at the end of white hall, green hall, in the gym, under the stairs in the old dorm under miss Lori office,} for many things. Mack Ford and his family {daughters and wife} were known to look the other way or being involved, as his children grew up and had families of their own they came and lived on the compound with their spouses and children they would sing in the church and keep their mouths shut they never did anything to protect us kids they would hide it and remove girls to protect their parents and in-laws when they could stop it a long time ago and it wouldn't have continued all these years. I wonder what things they have seen heard and know about that we don't I wonder what other things they're covering up just to protect the Ford and themselves. Robbie and Tim you're not innocent you're just as bad as your parents you keep your mouth shut and took girls away to protect your parents you both still to this day know what happens under the roof of New Bethany and by the hands of your parents and staff how can you live with yourself and sleep at night knowing that you could stop it. I still have a problem with my back from having my tail bone broken there. I am reminded everyday when I look in the mirror and can see the scar that was left on my body by the hands of your mother and their staff as well. I am terrified to sleep at night to have the nightmares play over in my

head.you still can stop it and not let them get away with anything you know it as well as i do they beat me and raped me as well as many many other i know you havent forgotten what it is to hear the screams of young children and their cries daily.mack ford and themla ford and family and staff you all should burn in hell for the sake of us children and honestly there isnt even a place like hell that would want someone like you you desereve everything you all get and more.I WILL ONE DAY FACE YOU AGAIN AND THIS TIME I WILL NOT BE AFFAIRD OF YOU OR YOUR STAFF BE PERPARED FOR A FIGHT YOULL NEVER FORGET I WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOU REMEMBER ALL OF US AND EVERYTHING YOU DID AND ALLOWED DONE AND IF I COULD ILL MAKE YOU FEEL HOW YOU MADE US FEEL EVERYDAY OF OUR YOUNG LIFE YOU TOOK FROM US HOW COULD YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!! WILL NEVER FORGET IT AND I WILL NEVER LET IT GO I WILL BE THER THE DAY ALL OF YOU PAY FOR WHAT YOU DID

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Is there any truth to the latest claim we're hearing about Tim Johnson stating full responsibility for the closing of New Bethany after that fateful event in 1991?

If so, then he needs to check his story against that of the group of parents, who upon learning from an escapee of New Bethany what was going on when she was able to make it to a phone and call her father. From my understanding, this group of parents drove many states away from home to Arcadia to rescue their children and threatened to crash through the gate if they were not allowed entry to retrieve their daughters. It is also my understanding that after these parents children were safely on their way home, at least one of these parents stayed behind and made sure that every last child had left before returning home. With no more children there, resulting in no income, New Bethany was forced to close.

Mack and Thelma Ford go into great detail about the concurrence of events after 1991 through 1997 when they were deposed in court that same year.

Mack (7/22/97 #96-2065) discloses under oath about how various law enforcement agencies would come up to the gate, sometimes with warrants or other official documents declaring that they be allowed entry, and he wouldn't let them in. He gives the detail of his conversation with Vickie Haynes (who was also deposed), the social worker who gained entry via ex-parte order with other officials, and about him declaring that the "Lord is gonna get more of you", referencing another social worker who tried to investigate previously and had passed away. Mack even stated under oath that he believed the Lord had killed that social worker because the social worker participated in Ford's persecution for upholding the word of God. Ford also expressed his displeasure at the questioning of the girls. Particularly the question "Have you been molested by Brother Ford?" So, Mack and Thelma (whose deposition is more than 100 pgs.) we're pretty busy from 1991 thru 1997, continuing to take in girls and try to hide from the authorities what was being done to them.

Lots of things were going on from that point, leading up to international news coverage starting in 1999 involving a boy who had been placed there by his father without the permission of his mother. This was covered by the Associated Press, Deseret News, Inside Edition and 20/20.

Isn't it a shame that, at the very least, someone else didn't take over the care of these kids and Mack and Thelma move back the rear of their many, MANY acres of property into that creepy little cabin they made the boys live in? But NO ONE ELSE DID.