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Now Faith Apostolic Church Responds to Recent Actions Taken by Clayton County Fire Chief Tim Sweat Under the Leadership of Chairwoman Alieka Anderson-Henry

Rex, Ga. – July 31, 2025 – Now Faith Apostolic Church is issuing the following statement to clarify and condemn the misinformation surrounding the emergency placement of 12 foster care youth – all of whom are survivors of extreme trauma that includes long-term hoteling due to a lack of placement availability for treatment and severe abuse.

Due to an unexpected flood that impacted our licensed treatment facility, 12 youth were temporarily relocated to Now Faith Apostolic Ministries, which has operated as a state-approved emergency placement location for the past seven years. This relocation was done in full compliance with state protocols under the ongoing supervision of a professional 24/7 treatment and monitoring team to ensure the children’s safety and continuity of care.

The Georgia Division of Family & Children Services also approved the temporary relocation and raised no concern over the safety or legality of the arrangement. The priority throughout this process has always been and remains the well-being of the children.

Recent characterizations of the facility as a “church basement” are factually inaccurate and misleading, and appear to be aimed at creating a harmful narrative suggesting neglectful or unsafe conditions. The facility at Now Faith Apostolic Ministries meets the state’s standards for emergency housing, and these youth have not – at any point – been placed in harm’s way.

We are aware that this sudden scrutiny may be linked to unrelated political tensions involving our Senior Pastor, Dr. C.H. Braddy, who has recently spoken publicly about holding elected and public officials of Clayton County accountable, as well as concerns regarding inappropriate county governance and unethical financial campaign practices of Chairwoman Alieka Anderson-Henry. While we cannot speculate on the motivations of certain recent actions taken by the county and Fire Chief Tim Sweat, we are disheartened by the shift in support from leaders who once stood with us in our mission to serve vulnerable children.

Nonetheless, our focus remains on protecting and caring for these children during their time of greatest need. Any citations, including those regarding zoning or fire code compliance, are being

addressed appropriately and transparently, as we continue to operate in accordance with state and local guidelines.

“Chief Tim Sweat and Chairwoman Dr. Alieka Anderson-Henry have stood on the platform of our church and solicited votes and support for them while the children were housed on the premises. They are fully aware of the church’s mission to help the Department of Human Services. However, when I decided to hold county officials accountable and to serve our citizens without entertaining kickbacks, our organization and mission became the center of attack based on an alleged anonymous tip,” stated Pastor Braddy.

Now Faith Apostolic Ministries urges the public and all stakeholders to look beyond speculation and support the foundational principle that every child deserves safe, compassionate care especially in times of crisis. We remain committed to that mission, without compromise or distraction.