Mr. and Mrs. John Austin
25556 Calima Drive
Abingdon, VA 24210-9328

Dear John and Julie:

On May 14, 2005, the session of St. Peter Presbyterian Church voted unanimously to initiate articles of censure against John Austin for contumacy (failure to repent) by breaking his vows of membership. This is in response to John's refusal to meet with the session regarding this issue, as well as his refusal to discuss his doctrinal differences with the teachings of this church with the session. This is in violation of his vow to "submit to the government and discipline of the church and promise to further its purity and peace."

This censure involves:

1. Suspension from the sacraments.
2. The refraining from all contact with your family by the other families in our church.

John, this letter is a call to you to repent and submit to the government of the church as you have sworn to do. This censure is the beginning of further proceedings that could lead to excommunication, should you not repent. If you desire to repent and submit, you may contact any member of the session to express this desire, and a meeting with the entire session will be arranged.

Julie, we are assuming that you are in agreement with John on this issue. If you are not, please let us know by any means you find available. If you are in agreement with John, these articles of censure apply to you as well.

Sincerely,

The Session of St. Peter Presbyterian Church

Laurence Windham R.C. Sproul, Jr.

Wayne Hays Jay Barfield