

Broadway Baptist Church

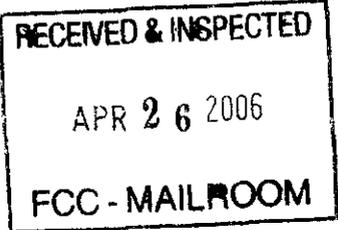
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April 21, 2006

Amelia Brown, Disability Rights Office
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20554



Reference: CCB-CC-0182

Affidavit for Petition for Exempt Status for Closed Captioning

BE IT ACKNOWLEDGED, that Broadway Baptist Church of 710 East Third St., Sweetwater, Texas, County of Nolan, the undersigned deponent, being of legal age, does hereby depose and say under oath as follows:

I affirm that the foregoing is true except as to statements made upon information and belief, and as to those I believe them to be true.

Witness my hand under the penalties of perjury this 21st day of April, 2006.

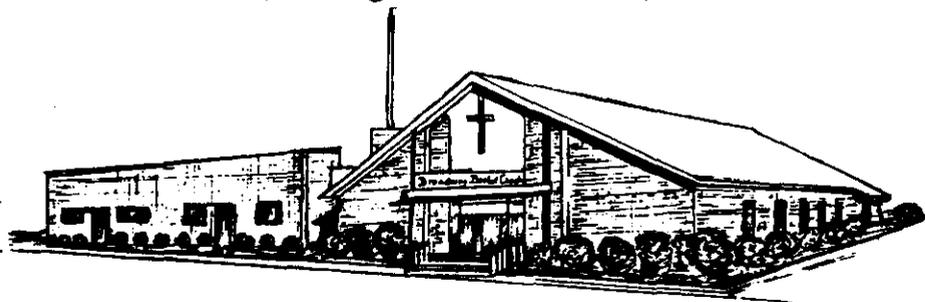
Dear Ms. Amelia Brown:

Thank you for your consideration and clarification in this matter regarding closed captioning. We would, therefore, ask to be exempt because this would be an undue hardship to comply with the closed captioning of video programming.

I have checked into the cost of having our service captioned and have discovered the extreme cost would range from \$8,000. for the software to do the caption ourselves (This is according to the bid we received from *Computer Prompting & Captioning Co., 1010 Rockville Pike, Suite 306, Rockville, MD 20852*). Or a cost of around \$260. per week (\$13,520 per year) to have someone else caption it for us for a year (This is according to the bid we received from *Video Caption Corporation, 26 Highland Way, Stanfordville, New York 12581*). The impact upon our operation is based on our congregation that has about 200 regular attendees in it (of which a large percentage are elderly) and we do not have anyone who can volunteer to do the extra work needed to transcribe the broadcast. Right now the only one who is able to edit our service for broadcast is the music director who already is spending over 50 hours a week with this and his regular duties and we do not have any reasonable alternatives.

As far as our finances are concerned, last year we spent \$7,395. for the broadcast and since October have spent \$15,529.56 upgrading our equipment. Our overall church budget expenses for last year was \$318,087.51 and our budget income was \$305,145.76. Right now we have more expenses than income and may even have to reduce our outreach in this area, although we desire not to, if this trend continues.


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Because of the cost, the impact on our operations and our financial resources, we respectfully request an exempt status.

Sincerely,

Pastor David Chittenden

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Signature of Witness

David Chittenden

Signature of Deponent

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County of: Nolan

On April 21st, 2006 before me, Vickie May, personally appeared David Chittenden, personally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Vickie May
Signature

Affiant Known Unknown

ID Produced TX D.L.

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