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DAVID PALMER Senior Pastor

Sycamore Township Board of Zoning Appeals 8540 Kenwood Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

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Dear Zoning Board Members,

SCOTT BURNS Associate Pastor

Kenwood Baptist Church is partnering with the University of Cincinnati to host Eric Metaxas, the *New York Times* #1 bestselling author of *Bonhoeffer, Miracles, Seven Women, Seven Men*, and *Amazing Grace*. He is the host of the *Eric Metaxas Show*, a nationally syndicated radio program heard in more than 120 cities around the U.S. He was the keynote speaker at the <u>2012 National Prayer Breakfast</u> in Washington DC, an event attended by the President and First Lady, the Vice President, members of Congress, and other U.S. and world leaders. Previous keynote speakers have included Mother Theresa, Bono, and Tony Blair. Eric Metaxas will be speaking at Kenwood Baptist Church on March 16, 2016 at 7pm. This event is open to the entire community and is free of charge.

GEARY RANDALL Pastor of Worship

LOU CHA
Pastor of Children
and Families

Bringing Eric Metaxas to Sycamore Township represents a significant commitment of time and expense for Kenwood Baptist Church. We are honored and excited to make this offering to the community and believe that all who attend will benefit tremendously. In order to effectively announce this event to our community, we wish to maximize our ability to communicate through signage along Kenwood Road. Thousands could be made aware by attractive signage as they drive by each week, especially the upwards to 2,000 who make use of our building throughout the week.

LYDIA DAVIS
Director of Young
Adult Ministries

Our request is for a 10' x 18' Public Event Banner which would be attached to our building to be hung Wednesday, February 18 through Thursday, March 17. Unfortunately, because of the distance of our building to Kenwood Road, (approximately 185 feet), those passing by our property would not be able to read a sign that complies with the 24 square foot requirement in our residential zone, as stated in Chapter 13-10.1 of the Sycamore Township Zoning resolution. Though Kenwood Baptist is situated in a residential zone it is clearly of a scale much larger than a typical residence and is set back considerably more than most homes. Because of the size of the structure a 10' x 18' banner will look appropriate. As you will be able to tell from our mockup of the proposed Public Event Banner, we will create signage that is simple, tasteful and professional.

BRIAN RUTEMILLER Business Administrator

We would additionally like to clarify that the building is illuminated at night by exterior floodlights. We want to make sure that typical use of our existing lights is not misconstrued as illumination of the proposed banner.

ALEX ARONIS
Pastor Emeritus

The frontage of Kenwood Baptist Church is along the west side Kenwood Road, with the north boundary of the church being Kugler Mill Road.

Thank you for your consideration of this request,

Liz Rising Kenwood Baptist Church