

July 11, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Jason Payne
Custody

Jason Payne and his family has been a part of our church and community for a long time. He has always showed a great respect for his peers. You couldn't ask for a more caring and responsible young man.

If Nichole could be here to share with each person involved, she would tell you that Jason has been the strong back for the family. She always said she didn't know what she would do in raising the children without Jason. He was always there to help get them up in the morning and saw that they ate breakfast before taking Jackson to school. She would also tell you that Remington was always a daddy's girl. She always thought no one could do it for her but her daddy. You know how little girls are at that age.

What happened to Nichole and Taylor was something so tragic that it will be hard to replace a person with the heart that Nichole had. She loved her children and Jason. I know in my heart that Nichole would be crushed if she knew that Jason didn't have the children with him. She always said how fortunate it was and a blessing it was for the children to have a daddy so loving and caring as Jason was to his children. In today's world you can't say that about many men.

It's so hard to understand how a court of law could allow someone to come it and remove the children and not give them back to where they rightfully belong. This family has gone through so much pain and suffering for a long period of time and I think it's time for the healing to begin, by returning the children where they rightfully belong, with their dad.

As a parent myself and knowing the children, I think they have suffered enough. I also am a grandparent and love children more than life itself. But I also know that as a grandparent I can't give them what they need and that is the love of a parent. No one can replace the connection children have with their parents no matter how hard we try. We can do and give them everything, but it's not the same as a parent's love. There's that special bond God made between a parent and their children. God gave children to young people and to us he gave grandchildren to spoil and give back to their parents. No matter how much we love our grandchildren only parents truly have that connection with that child that the child needs. That special bond of love.

We don't know why things happen the way they do, only God has the answers. I can only hope and pray that you can see in your heart to allow Jackson and Remington to be returned to their father. These children need their father as well as he needs them.

Jason has all the support of his extended family and also church family. We have all missed the children a lot and would love to have them back in our presence here at church and family functions. We will be there to help in anyway needed. So please allow him this opportunity to raise his children.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Henderson".

Kim Henderson
First Baptist Church/Secretary

706 Hickory Court
Logansport, Louisiana 71049

I am writing in behalf of my nephew Jason Payne. I have never been able to fully understand why he does not have custody of his children.

I do know he has proven himself many times as to the very good father he has always been. I have often been with this family and have seen first hand his relationship with the children. To me he has been more like a mother than a father.

At all times when the children have been at my house[and this has been many times] they have been very well behaved and very happy children. To me they have always been "daddy" children.

While I have been concerned about the fact that Jason is suffering being without his children [who have been his very life] I have been more concerned about Jackson and Remington. They can not understand why [after loosing their Mother]-they can not be with their daddy.

I do not understand how the courts could take the children away from their father who has been their caretaker all of their life. He is the one they need at this time and they surely feel deserted by all. He has been an amazing father to them. And the children should not be punished in this way- by being taken away from their other parent. He has always put them first in every way.

Surely it is best for the children to be with their remaining parent. I have never known anything negative about Jason and do believe him to be an ideal dad and upstanding character who can be depended on in every way.

Sincerely,

Peggy Payne

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Bossier City,
La.*

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318-742-9465

July 6, 2008

Hello,

my name is Sara Spears, Jason Payne is my nephew. I am writing this letter because I wanted everyone to know what a good husband he was and a great father he is to his son and daughter. Jason was a dedicated husband and is a very dedicated parent to his children. Their well-being was always first.

Sara Spears

Box 1000

Logansport, La. 71049

July 14, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Jason Payne
Custody

I have known Jason all his life. His own father left the family when he was a young child. I think this has made Jason a stronger person and made him determined to be such a great loving and caring father. He went to great lengths to give his children that extra care and love they needed. His character has always been beyond reproach.

The tragedy that struck this young family has been beyond belief. If ever these children needed their Dad, it was now. They had just lost their mother and brother and needed their father more than ever. This separation caused all sort of confusion in their young lives. They need to be with their Dad so they can begin to heal and know he has not forsaken them. It is hard for them to understand why they are not allowed to go home to their Dad.

I pray the court can find in Jason's favor and return his children to him so they can start to rebuild their lives. Even through all this grief and pain he has not lost his faith. His church family believes in him and continue to stand behind him and supports him. It is hard to believe a family can be split through no fault of their own. Please help Jason to have the chance to raise his children as God as intended.

Sincerely yours,

Sue Deutsch
Logansport High School
Teacher/Aid

311 Johnson Road
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First Baptist Church

Rev. Al Turner, Pastor

July 8, 2008

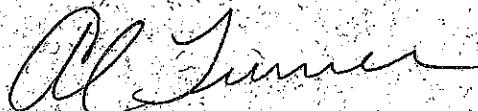
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Re: Jason Payne
Custody

Jason Payne and his family have been a part of our church for a very long time. Even when he married and left they always came home to visit. The tragic circumstance that have occurred in Jason's and the kids lives were unforeseen. He had no control over what happened. I am writing to ask that his children be returned to their father because that is where they belong. God instituted the family and it is His will that the family be together. He is the children's father and they need to be together as a family.

Jason has the full support of his family and his church. I am aware that he has opposition from the maternal grandmother. I am sure she loves those children but they need to be with their father. As a father myself and as Jason's pastor I am asking you to please allow him to raise his children.

Sincerely Yours,



Al Turner
Pastor, FBC

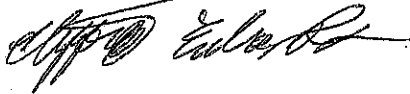
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20 July, 2008

To whom it may concern,

I have known Jason Payne since he was in grade school. As a Sunday school teacher, I know first hand that he attended church on a regular basis. I will attest the fact that he is of good character and loves his children. I urge you to consider that Jason Payne be given custody of his children.

Clifford Eubanks
Deacon of First Baptist Church Logansport, LA

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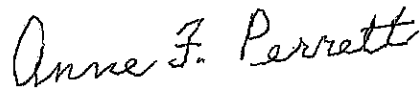
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

**Re: Jason Payne
Custody**

Jason Payne and his extended family have lived in our small town of Logansport for three+ generations. We are members of First Baptist Church here. The tragic circumstances have separated Jason and his children, and I respectfully request your assistance in reuniting this family.

I am aware of the support he has from his family living here. They will be able to continue their assistance when Jason is once again able to have his children with him. Please allow him this opportunity.

Sincerely yours,



Anne F. Perrett

**1809 Main St.
Logansport, LA 71049**

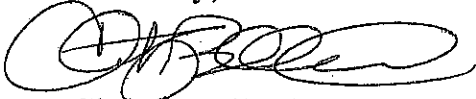
July 2, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to you today in regards to Jason Payne. I have personally known Mr. Payne for over 20 years and have always had the utmost respect for this man. He is and has always been a very kind and loving person to everyone around him. It saddens me as a close friend to see Jason and his family go through what he has endured. I can not imagine losing loved ones and then having your children taken away under whatever circumstances. I know Jason has always been a family oriented person and loves his children very much, anyone who knows him has seen that when he is with them. Jason has always had compassion for his family and stuck through good times and some very hard times growing up. I know he has always wanted the best for his children and his family and to see things happening the way they are is very saddening. These children need their father and he needs them, now more than ever. Jason has not only suffered through this ordeal, but the children are the ones suffering the most. How can anyone look at them knowing they have already lost their mother and then can't even be with their father?? I own a childcare business and I have seen a lot of things take place with children, good and bad. I have seen how the 'system' can work and sometimes it is outright not fair to innocent people. I have seen children be used as objects to get what one may want out of something, used in spite of someone.

Jason is not a demon who would ever hurt anyone. He is a daddy, a daddy who wants what is best for his children, a daddy who wants to be there to raise his children, love them, comfort them, and nurture them. As the saying goes, "Anyone can be a father, but it takes a man to be a Daddy." This man is a very loving, caring, man and Daddy. I hope that anyone can see this and make the right decisions.

Sincerely,



Christy Ballard

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Logansport, La 71049

7-10-08

To Whom it may Concern:

My name is Paulie Cox. I have been married for almost fifteen years and have three kids. We have known Jason Payne and his family since before we were married. Jason was my husband's best man in our wedding. Everyday I try to understand what Jason may be going through by placing myself in his shoes and I can't even imagine it. Jason is a very sweet and respectable person and his family would do anything they could for anyone. I know that Jason deserves to have his children in his care, after all they are his kids. I do not feel that anyone has the right to take them from him. Remington and Jackson need their father more now than ever. These children have no choice but to live without their mother, but they don't deserve to have their father taken for no reason. This family has had to go through enough and I believe it's time for them to be together as a family.

So that they can continue to
heal as a family. Try to imagine
yourself in this situation, and how
you would feel if you lost your
loved one tragically and then had
someone come in and take your
kids from you without any reason
to justify it what so ever. I am
asking you to do the right thing. - let
the children and their father try
to put their lives back together.

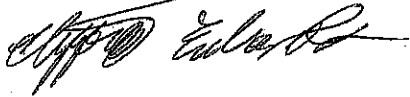
Charlie Cox
Katie Cox

20 July, 2008

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Clifford Eubanks
Deacon of First Baptist Church Logansport, LA

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My name is David Ck I have
been friends with the Payne family
for many years. Jason was my
best man in my wedding. These
are very good people with many
family skills some aren't blessed with.
Jason is a loving father and doesn't
deserve to be without his children
and if you knew him you would see
what this has done to him.

David Fox
David Ck

July 21, 2008

To Whom It Concerns,

I would take this opportunity to ask a favor
for a friend of mine, Jason Payne. Jason has recently
undergone some traumatic events in his life that
has put him at a struggle to go on with his life.

The loss of his wife and child was devastating to him
and he longs and wishes to get his life and his other
children back together.

Please consider this request as restoring a family
and home as it should be. I personally have faith
in Jason to succeed in this challenge. Thank you
and best wishes.

Jerry Lawrence
Logansport Pa.

Nancy C. Serwe

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Logansport, Louisiana
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to speak on the behalf of The Payne Family.

Living in a small town like Logansport, everyone knows one another or either they are kin so I have known the Payne family a life time.

Mrs. Payne or rather Faye, as I know her, taught her children what family life was supposed to mean. To be honest, I often wondered if I had been a single mom could I have done what Faye did. Her three children were very close to her and are even close to her today.

Now it is 2008 and this family is standing very close to each other.

I could go on and on about this family, but the most important incident happened just a few weeks ago. What a blessing I saw at church! Jason had asked his church family to pray that he would get his children back. I can tell you for sure tears were coming out of my eyes. For a grown young man to ask his church family for this tells me one thing. He loves his children very much, and in my opinion they should be returned to him.

The way I see this is that Jason has lost his wife and children and the children as of now have lost their mother and father.

I plead with you to let Jason have his children back so he can show them the family way as he was taught.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Nancy C. Serwe



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MAYOR

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July 30, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware of the terrible tragedy Jason Payne and his family endured. Today I learned that he has not been given custody of his two children, Jackson and Remington. I cannot understand such an injustice.

I have known Jason Payne and his family all of his life. He was an outstanding student and a young man with high ideals. He has been at my house many times with other friends of my daughter. In visiting with his mother she explained the unfair treatment he and his children have had. Jason is a very nurturing person and always had an active roll in his children's lives.

Please consider this as a recommendation for the personal integrity of Jason Payne. I pray the right decision will be made for these innocent children and their custody will be given to their father.

Yours truly,

Katherine Freeman

Mayor

To Whom It May Concern

This is a support letter for my friend Jason Payne. I have known Jason since he was a small child. I also coached Jason in high school. I found him to be a hard worker, dedicated, and a leader. I know without a doubt that he will use these traits along with a tremendous amount of love to raise and take care of his children.

What happened to his family was very sad and tragic. I believe that it takes a special person to put their life back together after such a tragedy. I believe that Jason is this type of person. Please don't keep this man away from his family. In this day and time, it is so hard for children to grow up without parents. I think Jason will take on this responsibility. He will love and take care of his children. He will be able to teach them very important things that only a parent can do. I know that with your approval, and God's and Jason's love this will be a win-win situation. I hope this letter will aid Jason & his family and give closure.

coach DATE MORRIS

July 9, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Alicia Webster and I am from Keatchie, Louisiana. I have known Melisa, Faye and Jason Payne, personally, for approximately 14 years. I spent a considerable amount of time with them in 1994 and since and they are all ethical, honest and responsible people. Faye is a good, compassionate mother to her children and a loving grandmother to all of her grandchildren. She has always been a pillar of support for her kids and is a caring, generous person. Jason is also a caring person and a wonderful father to his children. In the years I've known him, he has always been an upstanding man and I know he is a good and decent person. Melisa is a veteran of the Air Force and of the highest integrity. She is one of the most honest and hardworking women I know. She has always been a good friend to me and was always there when I needed her the most to lend support. She has a great life and wonderful family and she does everything possible to create a good life for her children. Melisa, Faye and Jason are all exceptional people with high morals and beliefs and want nothing more than to provide a loving home and environment to their children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,

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Alicia Webster
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July 10, 2008

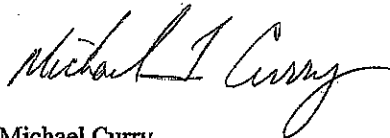
To whom it may concern:

This letter is in regards to the tragic situation that Jason Payne is a victim of. My name is Michael Curry, I have known Jason since 1980. Him and I have been best of friends every since. Jason has always been a honest, caring and loyal friend. He has always been the one friend I could count on when I needed help or just a fishing or hunting buddy.

I know he is absolutely crazy about his kids, and that he was totally devoted to Nicole. I would just like to see him and his kids back together where they belong. They have all been through enough without having to be apart any longer.

If there is anymore information or anything else that I could offer on Jason's behave I would be honored to do so. I can be reached at 318-796-2083.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Curry". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Michael Curry

Lori Alvis
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Center, Texas 75935
(936) 332-2639

July 10, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Jason Payne

My name is Lori Alvis. I have managed three radio stations in Shelby County for several years, and have been a resident of Shelby County most my life. Below is the information I know to be true about the Payne family.

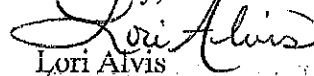
I have known Jason Payne since 1991. I believe Jason to be a very nice guy and everything I have seen over the past five years, since he became a father, has been very positive towards his family. During my times around Jason and Nicole, 90% of the time Jason was changing diapers, making bottles and running after kids. I have witnessed Jason take care of his children without hesitation, and it is very visible to me that he is a good Dad. He possesses patience, concern, and an undying love for his children and family. I am a very cautious parent. I have let my twins spend the night with Jason and his family on several occasions. This speaks multitudes about the character I think Jason possesses.

Nicole and I were friends, and of course talked about every issue of our lives, especially during the last five to six months she was alive. She always talked about what a good father Jason is. On several occasions, we would be talking on the phone and I would say, "It sure is quiet", and I would ask her where everybody was and she would say Jason and the kids are outside playing or Jason took the kids to McDonalds.


Anybody that knows Jackson, Jason's firstborn, knows that he always walks in the shadow of his dad. And Remington, who is the spitting image of Nicole, is a big "daddy's girl". From the early-morning feedings, the crying in the middle of the night, the bottles, and doctoring the cuts and scrapes the kids have gotten through the years, Jason and Nicole have raised two wonderful kids.

I know in my "heart-of-hearts", that Nicole would want Jackson and Remington with Jason. For years Jason has been the first face they see every morning and the last face they see every night. They love their dad, and I know they miss their mom and dad, and they need to be reunited with what is left of the family they know, so the healing of this whole tragedy can begin.

Sincerely,


Lori Alvis

Witness:


Melissa Volden


Barbara Richards

July 8, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Jason Payne. I have known Jason and his entire family for most of my life. I have always gone to church with his family both immediate (mother, grandmother, sister) and distance (aunts, uncles, cousins). Most of his family still live in town and I continue to go to church with them.

I went to school with both Jason and his sister Melisa. We have always been friends and have interacted in sports, school activities, and outside of schoolwork as friends.

Jason is a person of great integrity. He is loving, caring, and a genuine good person.

I have never known Jason to be in any type of trouble. I have seen Jason interact with both his children and other people's children. Jason is great with his children, very loving and kind. Jason's children are always very polite and always well behaved. I believe that these kids belong with their dad Jason and would continue to thrive in a very loving, healthy relationship.

with their father. I know Jason is a loving dad who would always be there for his children. I will continue to vouch for Jason's character in any way I can to help his children return home to their dad where they belong. Children need their moms and dads and sometimes they only have one or the other. These children belong with their dad Jason so he can continue to raise them to be loving caring healthy adults as he is.

Thank you for your time and may the right way be done.

Sincerely,

Melanie L. Hughes

Melanie L. Hughes

Clay & Shirley Clark

109 Frank Drive
Logansport, Louisiana
318-697-2268

To Whom It May Concern:

The Payne Family grew up two houses from where we reared our children, and we would like to take this opportunity to speak on the behalf of Faye Payne and her children.

Mrs. Payne, as a single mom reared three high school graduates, giving them every opportunity that all children at Logansport High School could ask for. Her daughter, Melissa, was on the squad with our daughter as a cheerleader in which I was the sponsor for four years. Mrs. Payne was always ready to help in any fund raiser that we had to support her children. This shows you the kind of home in which Jason was reared. Seeing Faye and Jason in First Baptist Church, Logansport, on Sunday shows the kind of love that he and his family will provide for his children.

Being educators for over 36 years in the DeSoto Parish School System, we find normally that children are reared by the way they were brought up, and we feel that giving Jason custody of his children would be in the best interest for everyone. When Jason was in need who came to help, his sister Melissa.

These children will be brought up in a loving, caring, and spiritual environment if they are allowed to move with family. All children want to be with their parents, if possible and we can truly say that this is what would be best for these children.

Sincerely yours,

Clay Clark
Shirley Clark

Clay and Shirley Clark