## STATEMENT RELEASE



## Greater Toledo House of Prayer Explains its Purchase of the Former Bretz Nightclub Building

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The Board of Directors of Greater Toledo House of Prayer released the following statement today:

"The Greater Toledo House of Prayer (GTHOP) recently purchased the building located at 2012 Adams Street, formerly the location of Bretz Nightclub. Public statements have been made suggesting that GTHOP was itself involved in the closing of the nightclub, however this is not accurate.

"GTHOP is a prayer and worship ministry, where individuals and worship teams commit to maintaining a climate of worship and prayer in the Toledo community. For a number of years, GTHOP has operated in a rented facility in downtown Toledo. Due to an increased need for space, GTHOP started a search for a new facility. In October 2017, the ministry became aware that the Adams St. building was available for sale, then toured the building and determined the space would work well for the group.

"GTHOP was informed by the owner of Bretz, that over the past three years, efforts were made to sell the business and keep the nightclub open. However, negotiations with interested parties never materialized into a sale of the business, leading the bar owner to make the decision to

close the establishment. Knowing this, the property owner eventually decided to sell the real estate. In December, GTHOP closed on the purchase of the property.

"GTHOP looks forward to moving to the 2012 Adams Street location and making it a place of ongoing prayer and worship."