

# **Barber discusses sexual abuse, Law amendment**

January 30, 2024

In a conversation spanning nearly 90 minutes and covering much-discussed topics in Southern Baptist Convention life, SBC President Bart Barber answered questions from the pastor of First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla.

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# **Baptisms rebound some, but negative trend continues**

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After a precipitous drop in baptisms during the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of baptisms in Southern Baptist churches has increased, but the overall decline within the Southern Baptist Convention continues.

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# **Candidate to head SBC**

# **Executive Committee withdraws**

January 30, 2024

The Southern Baptist Convention has failed again in its search for a new leader for its Executive Committee, which handles the denomination's business between annual meetings.

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# **How will Pressler's downfall affect SBC abuse reform?**

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Some Southern Baptists wonder how revelations from court documents related to a lawsuit involving Paul Pressler will impact sexual abuse reform in the Southern Baptist Convention.

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# **Clint Pressley first nominee for SBC president**

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Clint Pressley, senior pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C., will be nominated for president of the Southern Baptist Convention at the 2024 SBC annual meeting in Indianapolis, Ind.

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# **Pressler a ‘monster’ and a ‘predator,’ SBC attorney tweets**

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In a series of social media posts, the attorney who has represented the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee the past two years described Paul Pressler as “a monster” and a “dangerous predator who exploited boys.”

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# **As cold lingers, churches open doors for ministry**

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Pastor Chris Simmons and Cornerstone Baptist Church have learned it’s always best to have a comfortable place to rest for those without one, to give them somewhere to shower, eat and clean their clothes while hearing the gospel.

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# **Oklahoma Baptist church addresses abuse allegation**

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Members of First Baptist Church in Broken Arrow, Okla., learned in mid-January about an allegation of sexual abuse from 2006 and subsequent steps to address it.

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# **SBC groups partner to serve diaspora peoples**

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To assist churches in connecting with internationals nearby, the International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, Send Relief and Woman's Missionary Union are working together to serve churches focusing on the missionary task in every community.

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# **Stories of faithfulness highlight**

# **WMU board meeting**

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From Alaska to Maine, nearly 200 missions leaders from across the country gathered on Missionary Ridge in Birmingham for national Woman's Missionary Union's board meeting Jan. 6-8.

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# **Pioneering missions storyteller Leland Webb dies at 91**

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Leland Franklin Webb, a reporter and editor more than three decades at what is now the Southern Baptist Convention International Mission Board, died Jan. 8. He was 91.

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# **GuideStone will do business with Global Methodists**

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Southern Baptists do not believe women can be pastors or churches should baptize infants. But that won't stop them from doing business with non-Baptist churches that disagree.