

# **ERLC breaks ties with the Evangelical Immigration Table**

September 19, 2025

The Southern Baptist Convention's public policy agency will go its own way on immigration policy, breaking ties with a coalition of other evangelical Christian bodies focused on the issue.

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# **Gary Hollingsworth named ERLC interim president**

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Retired South Carolina Baptist state convention leader and longtime pastor Gary Hollingsworth has been selected as interim president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, effective Oct. 1.

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# **Baptists denounce violence, call**

# **for prayer after shooting**

September 19, 2025

Baptists from varied perspectives denounced political violence and called for prayer after the shooting death of political activist Charlie Kirk. However, they took different postures regarding many aspects of Kirk's message.

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# **National Baptists hear first female preacher at meeting**

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Tracey L. Brown recently became the first woman ever to preach at the annual session of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc., a 145-year-old, historically Black denomination.

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# **Baptist leaders among speakers at Ascent Summit 2026**

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Several Baptist leaders will be among the keynote speakers at the inaugural Ascent Summit, March 10-12 at Columbia Church in Falls

Church, Va.

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## **Katrina reshaped New Orleans churches, leaders say**

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As churches in New Orleans commemorate the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, they'll do so with a New Orleans Baptist Association of churches that is more diverse and more united than it was when waters flooded the city, leaders said.

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## **Baptist missions leader Keith Parks dies at 97**

September 19, 2025

R. Keith Parks, international missions leader of both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, died Aug. 26. He was 97.

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# **MedAdvance highlights importance of health care missions**

September 19, 2025

Health care missions provide access to millions of people who've never heard of the Great Physician, and health care professionals play a crucial role in prescribing treatment for both physical and spiritual needs. These were some of the messages attendees of MedAdvance heard.

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# **Water Impact ministry sees God move in Peru**

September 19, 2025

Texans on Mission is not only bringing fresh water and good hygiene practices to people in the Andes Mountains of Peru, but also bringing the gospel, with 46 professions of faith recorded during an August mission trip.

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# **SBC launches revamped sexual abuse helpline**

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The Southern Baptist Convention's office for abuse prevention and response has launched a revamped helpline for those needing assistance with matters related to sexual abuse.

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# **Dockery notes seminary's 'new place of stability'**

September 19, 2025

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President David S. Dockery told faculty and staff the seminary has experienced a "turnaround" and is in "a place of stability and health" at the start of a new academic year.

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# **Leatherwood resigns as president of the ERLC**

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Brent Leatherwood, who spent nearly four years dealing with critics from

the most conservative wing of the Southern Baptist Convention, resigned as head of the SBC's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission.