

Water ministry is ‘not just about a hole in the ground’

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Doug and Cathy Hall made their first trip to Uganda this winter to learn more about Texans on Mission’s Water Impact work in the central African nation.

Lawyers say Justice Department probe of SBC closed

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Lawyers for the Southern Baptist Convention said March 12 the U.S. Department of Justice has ended an investigation into the denomination’s response to allegations of sexual abuse committed by Southern Baptist pastors and institutional leaders.

Northeast only region for SBC

growth, analysis shows

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An analysis of recent statistics supplied by congregations across the country revealed New England is the sole region where Southern Baptists gained congregants overall from 2018 to 2023.

Iorg says abuser database delayed by legal hurdles

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A Ministry Check database of Southern Baptist ministers convicted or credibly accused of sexual abuse is “not so much on the back burner” as it is derailed by legal hurdles, said Jeff Iorg, president of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Alaska exec resigns after apologizing for earlier

statement

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Randy Covington has resigned as executive director and treasurer of the Alaska Baptist Resource Network after issuing a public apology Feb. 25.

SBC leaders address lack of funds for legal bills

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In mid-February, Southern Baptist Convention leaders received grim news. The denomination's Executive Committee essentially was broke.

Queen given 1-year supervised release, fined

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Former Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary interim provost Matt Queen received a judgment of time served with one year of supervised release, six months of home confinement and a \$2,000 fine related to a federal investigation of the SBC regarding sexual abuse.

SBC may revisit amendment about female pastors

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Austin pastor Juan Sanchez is urging Southern Baptists to re-visit an amendment at their annual meeting this June that addresses the definition of pastor/elder/overseer in the Southern Baptist Convention constitution.

Why is the SBC still arguing about women pastors?

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The Southern Baptist Convention's credentials committee had a problem relating to its task of determining whether to expel one of the denomination's largest churches for violating the SBC's ban on women serving as pastors.

Proposed plan emphasizes broader trustee accountability

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A rewritten business and financial plan to be presented at the June Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting is designed to strengthen transparency and oversight for trustees who are approved to those positions by messengers, SBC Executive Committee President Jeff Iorg said.

Matt Queen attorney asks for probation and fine

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A document submitted by the attorney of Matt Queen contains excerpts from 59 letters of support for the former seminary professor alongside pleas for leniency as his sentencing date approaches for lying to federal investigators.

Abuse database not a present focus for SBC leaders

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A proposed online database that would list the names of abusive Southern Baptist pastors is now on hold, with no names likely to be added to the website by the denomination's annual meeting this summer.