

# **Judge rules against Johnny Hunt in defamation suit**

April 1, 2025

A federal judge ruled against former Southern Baptist Convention President Johnny Hunt, rejecting his claims of defamation against Guidepost Solutions and nearly all the former megachurch pastor's claims against the SBC and its Executive Committee.

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# **Churches losing members as humanitarian parole ends**

April 1, 2025

They are pastors, deacons and other clergy, actively working among the 500 Haitian churches in the Southern Baptist Convention—at least for another four weeks.

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# **'Divine appointment' awaits**

# **volunteers in Missouri**

April 1, 2025

Three Texans on Mission disaster relief leaders motored toward a “divine appointment” on a country road in southeast Missouri.

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# **Greenville pastor Mann nominee for SBC 2nd VP**

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A Northeast Texas director of missions has announced his plans to nominate Greenville pastor Tommy Mann to serve as SBC second vice president at the 2025 SBC annual meeting this summer.

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# **BWA challenges Baptists globally to ‘Stand in the Gap’**

April 1, 2025

The Baptist World Alliance issued an urgent call for Baptists globally to give, pray and “Stand in the Gap” in solidarity with suffering people at a time when humanitarian aid is being cut.

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

April 1, 2025

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.

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# **Lawyers say Justice Department probe of SBC closed**

April 1, 2025

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.

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# **Northeast only region for SBC growth, analysis shows**

April 1, 2025

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.

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# **Iorg says abuser database delayed by legal hurdles**

April 1, 2025

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.

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# **Alaska exec resigns after**

# **apologizing for earlier statement**

April 1, 2025

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

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# **SBC leaders address lack of funds for legal bills**

April 1, 2025

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

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# **Queen given 1-year supervised release, fined**

April 1, 2025

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.