

# **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.

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# **SBC leaders undaunted as legal bills mount**

February 19, 2025

Leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee struck a hopeful and defiant tone Feb. 17, acknowledging the fiscal woes facing the convention, yet insisting the nation's largest Protestant denomination remains a force for good in the world.

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# **Texas Supreme Court answers**

# **questions in Patterson case**

February 19, 2025

The Supreme Court of Texas issued a ruling Feb. 14 on two questions raised in a case brought against former Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President Paige Patterson and the seminary by a plaintiff known as Jane Roe.

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## **Are government funds a blessing or a curse?**

February 19, 2025

Baptists have long opposed direct government funding of churches, but some see areas where there is room for disagreement about accepting public funds.

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## **La Red Nacional Bautista Hispana llama a Molina a**

# **puesto de tiempo completo**

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“Estoy encantado porque después de dos años de servir en este rol como voluntario a tiempo parcial, puedo concentrarme a servir por tiempo completo para alcanzar a la comunidad hispana y, a través de ellos, realizar nuestra visión “que todos los pueblos de la tierra sepan que el Señor es Dios (1 Reyes 8:60), dijo el Dr. Bruno Molina al comenzar su nuevo rol en la Red Nacional Bautista Hispana (RNBH).

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## **Molina to lead National Hispanic Baptist Network full time**

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The National Hispanic Baptist Network has elevated its executive director, Bruno Molina, from a part-time role to a new full-time role to oversee the organization’s diverse offering of support to Hispanic churches and leaders across the Southern Baptist Convention.

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# **George Liele: The world's first Baptist missionary**

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George Liele, a former slave, not only was the first ordained African American Baptist preacher in America, but also was the world's first Baptist missionary.

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# **Hispanic Baptists: 'Sensitive locations' rule change hurts**

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The loss of a rule that prevented officials from entering churches to arrest immigrants accused of being in the United States illegally has hurt the church's witness, the National Hispanic Baptist Network said Jan. 29 in calling for the rule's reinstatement.

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# **Jeff Dalrymple to lead SBC**

# **sexual abuse response**

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Jeff Dalrymple of Jacksonville, Fla., has been named to lead the office within the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee dedicated to Southern Baptists' long-term efforts in sexual abuse prevention and response.

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# **Southwestern reports measurement of financial health**

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Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary released on Jan. 17 the institution's most recent Composite Financial Index score of +3.0, which President David Dockery called an "objective" metric that "quantifies the significant progress made in the past 28 months."

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# **California churches praying and**

# seeing answers

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Southern California churches have been praying in the midst of the devastating fires in their area, and the answer to a specific Sunday evening prayer has been noticed and appreciated by others in the community.

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## **Daniel Ritchie nominee for SBC first vice president**

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Evangelist and author Daniel Ritchie will be nominated for first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention during the 2025 SBC annual meeting in Dallas.