

SBC president undergoes surgery

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WOODSTOCK, Ga. (ABP) — Southern Baptist Convention president Johnny Hunt underwent successful cancer surgery Jan. 7 at [Northside Hospital](#) in Atlanta. An update on the First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Ga., [website](#) said Hunt rested well after the operation and was expected to be released from the hospital Jan. 8. He will return to the doctor for a check-up Jan. 15.



Johnny Hunt

Hunt, 57, announced in November he had been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He was elected SBC president in 2008 and re-elected to a customary second term last year, when he also appointed a 23-member task force to study the denomination's efficiency and effectiveness.

A one-time high-school dropout and pool-room manager before accepting Christ in 1973, [Hunt](#) is a graduate of Gardner-Webb University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has led the Woodstock congregation, with 17,600 members the third largest house of worship in metropolitan Atlanta, since 1986.