

Wingfield named Baptist News Global executive director

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Baptist News Global announced April 15 its board of directors named Mark Wingfield, associate pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church and a former managing editor of the *Baptist Standard*, as executive director and publisher of the news service.

Wingfield, 58, will assume his new role July 1. David Wilkinson will retire June 30 as executive director and publisher after about 12 years as executive director and publisher of Baptist News Global and its predecessor, Associated Baptist Press.

Wingfield has served more than 16 years at Wilshire, where he oversees a dozen ministers and about 100 full-time and part-time staff.

Before joining the church staff, he worked about 21 years in religious journalism.

He was managing editor of the *Baptist Standard* from 1998 to 2003. Before coming to the *Standard*, he was editor of the *Western Recorder* in Kentucky, where he earlier served as news director.

Previously, he had been associate director of news and information for the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board, director of news and information at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and assistant editor of the *Baptist New Mexican*.

He is the author of *Why Churches Need to Talk about Sexuality* and *Staying Alive: Why the Conventional Wisdom about Traditional Churches is Wrong*.

Wingfield has been a frequent writer of opinion articles for Baptist News

Global, where he began serving on the board of directors in 2012. He also has served on the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Missions Council.