

# MISSIONS & MINISTRY

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## ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Gregg Boll

### Pastors Retiring and the SBC's Leadership Crisis

I want to congratulate and express my deepest appreciation for several of our BR-KC pastors who have retired in the last few years after long, faithful pastorates. Forgive me if I leave anyone out, but here is the list of retiring pastors within the last four years:



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## Southern Baptists Take Strong Actions to Stop Sexual Abuse in Our Churches

Most of you are aware that the Southern Baptist Convention has been addressing the problem of sexual abuse and assault in recent years. After an investigative report by the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express revealed that over a 20-year period, there were 700 cases of sexual abuse documented in Southern Baptist Churches, Southern Baptists had a zeal to aggressively address this sin in our churches. The report discovered that 380 Southern Baptist pastors, staff and volunteers had been accused of sexual assault resulting in 220 convictions. Based on that report, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention hired an outside firm, Guidepost Solutions, to further study the problem and to report back to the Executive Committee with their findings as well as recommendations for best practices for preventing future sexual abuse. The Executive Committee did an internal study and produced their own list of names of pastors and denominational leaders who had been convicted of sexual impropriety. This list had some high profile Southern Baptist leaders who subsequently were terminated from their positions or resigned promptly. For further reading on this report:

(<https://www.npr.org/2022/05/27/1101734793/southern-baptist-sexual-abuse-list-released>)

What was discovered from the Guidepost study was that churches sometimes fired a person for sexual impropriety without filing any legal charges or notifying the appropriate legal authorities. The church was often caught in a "he said, she said" situation and rather than file charges and allow the appropriate authorities to discern if abuse had happened, they simply fired the person.....

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Join brother pastors to share some **FREE** Jack Stack BBQ and be encouraged at the next Pastor's Collective Luncheon!

Hosted by Pastor Chris Williams at Fellowship Greenwood, the next luncheon is May 30th at 11:00am! Please RSVP to Kat at [kmoyer@fcfamily.org](mailto:kmoyer@fcfamily.org)

## PARTY TRAILER SEASON

Warmer weather is here, and that means party trailer season is just beginning!

As your church is planning their summer events, don't forget about our two block party trailers, Oklahoma Joe smoker, and portable baptistry that are available to rent. We charge a minimal fee simply to cover the expenses of upkeep and insurance.

Our party trailers have everything you will need for your VBS Celebration, Outreach Event, etc. At the end of last season we made a few updates to the games in each trailer, as many were outdated and breaking. We replaced the old games with corn hole boards, frisbee golf and more.

Our rental calendar fills up quickly, so make sure to reserve your rental as soon as possible. For full details on rental fees, trailer contents and to make your reservation, please visit the rental tab on our website [here](#), or contact Amy for more information at 816-623-5360.



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