



Messengers to the SBC annual meeting in New Orleans voted 9,437 to 1,212 to uphold a decision by the Executive Committee to oust Saddleback Church in California and 9,700 to 806 to uphold the decision removing Fern Creek Baptist Church in Kentucky. They were expelled from the Southern Baptist Convention earlier this year because they have women serving as pastors will not be allowed to return to the fold.

Southern Baptists commissioned 79 new missionaries going overseas, including 6 from Georgia, at this year's meeting. "Your IMB missionaries are addressing the world's greatest problem with the only solution, God's solution – the gospel," Chitwood said. "But they need your prayers, your support, your continued generosity, and more workers in the harvest. Chitwood said IMB missionaries are now working in 122 countries and were responsible for 102,000 baptisms over the past year.

Southern Baptist messengers got their first look at a [website](#) that provides resources to help churches prevent sexual abuse and that will eventually include an online sexual abuse registry of abusers. ...After hearing about work done thus far, messengers voted overwhelming to grant the task force another year to complete its work. The database will be limited to people who have confessed to sexual abuse, been convicted of sexual abuse in a court of law, had a civil judgement rendered against them for sexual abuse, or have been credibly accused of sexual abuse based on a preponderance of evidence as determined by a third party.

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Welcome to Polk-Haralson Baptist Associational Mission Strategist, Kevin McKoy



To say that I am excited about being your new Associational Missions Strategist would be an absolute understatement!

The McKoy tribe is so thrilled to begin this new journey with the Pastors and Churches of PHBA.

By now, each Pastor\Church should have received the letter I sent out earlier in June. That letter simply restated some of the plans that were shared during the Special Called Executive Meeting in May. I also included a copy of the bio that was provided during that meeting to help each Pastor\Church be more familiar with me, my family, and my ministry experience.

I have already seen on Facebook where several of you have had some amazing summer events like VBS, Student camps, and community outreach opportunities. It has already been so encouraging to see how

God is changing families, saving souls, and growing our churches through this Summer, and more is still to come.

Pastors, take some time during this season to be with your family. They are our first ministry. You will never regret the investment you make in them. And they will never forget that you did!

Please continue to pray for us as we finish our ministry well with FBC Lithia Springs in July. This church family has been such a blessing to my entire family. Also, pray for the man God will be bringing as their Transitional Pastor to help them prepare to reach their community in greater ways and prepare the path for their next Senior Pastor.

Looking forward to August!

Bro. Kevin McKoy (yes, it is spelled with a K) 😊

POLK-HARALSON DISASTER RELIEF

We sure could use some more help.

Disaster Relief was busy again in June, continuing to clean trees up at the Camp. Disaster Relief Orientation is coming up in September and October. Please pray to see if God may be calling you to this ministry. Give Jeff Carter a call or text if you would like more information. cell 770-324-0522 or email jeff.carter@charter.net



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