PLEASE JOIN US: Prayer Vigil for Clergy Abuse Victims

Who are we? We are survivors of clergy sex abuse and members of a self-help support group called SNAP. We work to protect kids and other vulnerable people in churches, to prevent clergy abuse, and to help those who have been wounded.

When and where? 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm today - at this same sidewalk location - we will prayerfully honor those who have been molested by clergy, prayerfully mourn those who did not survive the trauma, and prayerfully seek more safety for children at risk right now.

How can you help?

- -- Show you care about protecting the vulnerable and healing the wounded by joining us, even for a few minutes, at a prayer vigil today.
- -- Email SNAP at <u>gymsoul@hotmail.com</u> with "Keep me informed about safeguarding Baptist kids" in the subject line.
- -- Talk to your friends and family members. Ask them if they were ever hurt by a clergyperson. Urge them to call us for help and contact law enforcement.
- -- Post information about our support group in your church bulletin, on your church website, and on church bulletin boards so as to reach out to any clergy abuse victims and to let them see that their churches care. ("Were you abused by clergy? There's help. SNAP is a confidential support group. Call 1-877-SNAP-HEALS.")
- -- Report any known or suspected abuse (however uncertain you may be) to police and child protection authorities.
- -- A motion will be presented to study the creation of a Southern Baptist database of convicted, confessed and credibly accused clergy sex abusers. Please VOTE YES with no weakening amendments! (But please know this is only a tiny step forward.)
- -- Urge the creation of an independent review panel to receive and objectively consider reports of clergy abuse....it's what other faith groups do.

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