

Transform Your Churches into Safer Sanctuaries

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.

How you can help transform Baptist churches TODAY

-- A motion will be presented to study the creation of a Southern Baptist database of convicted, confessed and credibly accused clergy sex abusers. **VOTE YES!**

-- Support the creation of an independent review panel to receive and objectively consider reports of clergy abuse....it's what other faith groups do.

How you can help transform Baptist churches in the future

1. Educate yourselves and your congregations on how to react to clergy abuse charges.
2. Ask for programs presented by outside experts to help your congregation understand the problem and prepare for how to react if the need arises.
3. Always ask yourself "Does this make it easier for abuse victims to get help and come forward?" Kids are safer, clergy-perpetrators are exposed, and parents are warned **ONLY** when victims are able to report abuse.
4. Report any known or suspected abuse (however uncertain you may be) to police and child protection authorities.
5. Remember that abuse, sadly, is quite common. (Experts estimate 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 9 boys will be molested.)
6. Try to put yourself in the shoes of a clergy abuse victim and imagine the shame, self-blame, confusion and fear that afflict people who were molested as kids by trusted religious authority figures.
7. Read more suggestions on what to do if your minister is accused of abuse at www.StopBaptistPredators.org/how_to_react.
8. Email SNAP at gymsoul@hotmail.com with "Keep me informed about safeguarding Baptist kids" in the subject line.

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Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (and Preachers)

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PLEASE JOIN US:

Prayer Vigil for Clergy Abuse Victims

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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 gymsoul@hotmail.com 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.")

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