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Christa Brown, an attorney and activist, appeared on ABC 20/20's "Preacher Predators" program. Described as "the public face" of Baptist abuse survivors, she was one of the first to go public with substantiated molestation allegations against a Baptist minister and documentation that others knew. StopBaptistPredators.org.



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