



June 1, 2022

Dear SWBTS Family:

On Sunday, May 22, 2022, the Sexual Abuse Task Force publicly released a report commissioned by messengers to the 2021 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. While we have been aware of the mishandling of sexual abuse cases within our Convention of churches, this report revealed a grievous pattern of mishandling reports of abuse, mistreating survivors, and withholding information that would have made our churches and entities safer places.

One of the most significant findings of the investigation is that SBC Executive Committee staff, under the direction of former Executive Vice President D. August “Augie” Boto, compiled a list of alleged and convicted sexual abusers. This list was being privately maintained, unbeknownst to Southern Baptists, while calls for a database of sexual abusers were being publicly resisted.

Last week, the current leadership of the Executive Committee made the decision to publish Mr. Boto’s list. Doing so was an important first step as the Executive Committee, and all Southern Baptists, attempt to do what can be done to right past wrongs and make information available publicly that can assist in creating safer churches and entities. This document is over 200 pages and includes nearly 700 cases of abuse. Prior to the list’s public release, names of abuse survivors, names of potential confidential witnesses, and uncorroborated abuse allegations were redacted.

Immediately after the list’s public release, Southwestern Seminary leadership instructed our team to analyze this information and determine whether there were individuals on the list who have any current or past relationship to the institution. This process involved compiling the data from Mr. Boto’s list and running every name that was made public against our student and employee records. Any partial matches were then reviewed by administrative staff.

No current students or employees appear on the list. We have identified 13 individuals who have been connected to Southwestern Seminary at some point in the past. These individuals were students and/or employees, all enrolled and/or employed before 2018. Their individual names, the state(s) in which the offense(s) were committed, and the year(s) reported, reproduced as it appears on the list released by the Executive Committee, are included below.

Name	State	Year Reported
Mark Aderholt	TX, SC, and AR	2018
Andrew Argent	TX	2003

Brian Burchfield	OK	2016
Paul Eugene Cunningham	NM and TX	2016
Joshua Earls	TX	2013
Chad Foster	TX	2011
Dan William Haby Jr.	TX	2016
Michael Lee Jones	TX	1998
Joshua Luke McDonald	TX	2014
John O. McKay Jr.	TX	2006
Joshua Neal Ponder	TX	2008
Matthew Christopher Porter	FL and TX	2008 and 2011
Erbey Valdez		2019

The reason Southwestern Seminary leadership felt it was important to provide this information to our institutional community is because we want to make sure you have the resources available to report any incident of sexual abuse or sexual assault. Whether or not it involves one of the individuals listed above, we would strongly encourage you to report any incident of sexual abuse or assault to the appropriate authorities. Below is provided the contact information for the Fort Worth Police Department. In addition, we have provided the phone number for the confidential reporting hotline that has been set up by Guidepost Solutions, in conjunction with the SBC Executive Committee. If you would like to speak with someone at Southwestern Seminary directly, we have provided the contact information for Dr. Terri H. Stovall, Southwestern Seminary's Dean of Women.

Fort Worth Police Department: (817) 392-4222

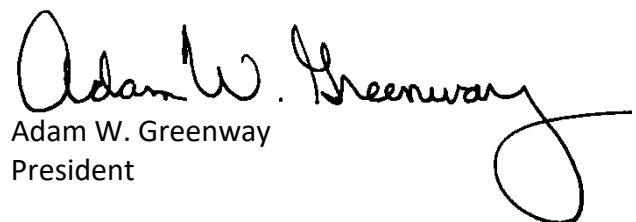
Guidepost Confidential Reporting Hotline: (202) 864-5578

Terri H. Stovall, Dean of Women: tstovall@swbts.edu

We want to assure you that we are committed to doing everything within our power to ensure the safety of all members, past and present, of the Southwestern Seminary community. In less than two weeks at the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Anaheim, California, messengers will consider recommendations brought by the Sexual Abuse Task Force. We stand ready to receive whatever recommendations messengers approve and will immediately work to do whatever is necessary to strengthen protections for our students, faculty, staff, and families. We would ask that you join us in praying for those who are survivors of sexual abuse as we seek the Lord's wisdom and grace.

Sincerely,


 Danny Roberts
 Chairman of the Board of Trustees


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