

ABUSE PREVENTION + RESPONSE

September 28th

First Baptist Church,
Pottsville, AR



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"That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it." -John 1:5

Mrs. Emily Smith, Abuse Prevention and Response Consultant/Children's Specialist with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's Sexual Abuse Response and Resource Team (SARRT) will lead this very important training.

Protecting minors and those vulnerable from sexual abuse should be a top priority in God's churches and that will be the focus of this Saturday morning event. But we will also touch on topics your church may not have considered.

The ABSC and ARVBA actively encourage state and local congregations to implement strategies that will **protect** every individual. We take seriously our responsibility to **report** any abuse that we encounter, and, because we want to love like Christ, a secondary goal is to **assist** those in need, especially when ministering to survivors of abuse.

The seminar will begin at 10 o'clock and will conclude with lunch provided by the Arkansas River Valley Baptist Association. Two different sessions are currently planned with a break between. The cost for this event is only \$5.00 which helps with expenses and makes future training opportunities available. Every active member of the church (especially leaders) will benefit greatly from this instruction.

More information is available on the ARVBA Website and you can pre-register [here!](#)



Emily Smith serves as the Abuse Prevention + Response Consultant for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Emily has served on convention staff with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, church staff in Arkansas and faith-based organizations in AR and TX. She has a passion for serving churches in the areas of safeguarding minors and next generation ministries. Emily and her husband, Wayne, enjoy exploring our great state with their two boys and serving as volunteers at First Baptist Church Hot Springs.

