

ABUSE PREVENTION + RESPONSE CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 7th, 2026
Fair Park Baptist Church
615 Knoxville Ave.
Russellville, AR

Presented by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's
Abuse Prevention + Response Team

“There’s A Reason You Hear Of Wolves In Sheep’s Clothing!”

As Arkansas Baptists, we are continually working to expand abuse prevention, implement safety practices, policies and procedures, and show compassion and care for survivors of abuse. We grieve for anyone who suffers abuse and we desire for all Arkansas Baptist churches to be safe places. This conference, brought to you in partnership with your local Baptist Association, is another powerful tool to help your church safeguard the most vulnerable among us.

Emily Smith and Craig Jenkins from the ABSC will lead the conference team and the event will resemble the format below. Legal issues such as “Church Safety Policies” and “How to Respond if a Registered Sex Offender (RSO) desires to attend your services will also be discussed.

Tentative Schedule

- 10:00-10:15
The Essentials: APR Overview Emily Smith
- 10:15-11:00 Session 1: Train/Screen - Emily Smith
- 11:00-11:45 Session 2: Report – Crista Neal
- 11:45-12:30 Lunch: Panel Discussion (All Speakers)
- 12:30-1:15 Session 3: Protect - Kurt Hetherington
- 1:15-1:50 Session 4: Care - Nathan Winiecki
- 1:50-2:00 Closing Session – Emily Smith

Panel discussion speakers may also include representatives from Living Well Ministries, James Green & Assoc. Insurance, and Mike Davis (Church Safety Consultant).

The cost for this event is only \$10.00 which covers lunch and all printed materials.

Pre-registration is very helpful!
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