

Evan Hurst's List of Christian and Republican leaders who have been caught, accused, sued, or convicted for abusing and/or exploiting kids – As of 10/32/25

1. [Arturo Laguna Camas](#), a pastor at Iglesia Casa De Adoración in Phoenix, Arizona. Affiliated with the Disciples of Christ. Accused of recording women in the bathroom. Not about children, but related because of the war on trans people using the bathroom.
2. [Jackson Gatlin](#), former young adult pastor at the Duluth Vineyard Church in Duluth, Minnesota, has been named in nine civil lawsuits over alleged sexual abuse of minors, aged 11 to 16 at the time. He pleaded guilty to one count of sexual assault of a minor in 2023, while taking Alford pleas on four other counts. Also named in the suits are his parents, Michael and Brenda, who are respectively the former senior pastor of the church and a former church leader. Vineyard USA appears to be somewhere between evangelicals and Pentecostals.
3. [Michael Ronald Goble](#), a 76-year-old retired pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Adrian, Michigan. Accused of molesting multiple young boys under 13. Various sources have listed the church as "Methodist" (but not [United Methodist](#)) and also [Mennonite](#).
4. [Michael Howard](#), a worship leader connected with Ken Ham's Creation Museum in northern Kentucky. Confessed to sexually abusing a teenage boy over the course of several years, beginning when the victim was 15. Has been part of TrueSong, which is The Ark Encounter's and the Creation Museum's resident praise and worship band, because of course the Ark Encounter has one of those. Went to Florence Baptist Temple in Burlington, Kentucky, and was a worship leader there too. It appears to be an independent Baptist church, and is listed in [this directory](#) of KJV churches, AKA churches that are obsessed with the idea that the King James Bible is the only real Bible, because I guess God is only able to communicate in the King's English, and cannot understand these newfangled slang Bibles like the NIV.
5. [Frank Gough II](#), friar at the Resurrection Anglican Church in Shalimar, Florida, arrested for possession of child pornography. [Resurrection is affiliated](#) with the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA), [which stomped away](#) from the normal Episcopal church in a huff because the Episcopalians are too nice to gay people.
6. [Rodolfo Martinez-Guevara](#), former priest associated with Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic parish in Oxnard, California, among others. He "pleaded no contest to sodomy with a person under age 16 and a lewd act with a child age 14 or 15, according to court records," and was sentenced to a year in jail. Also doing time concurrently for possession of child pornography.
7. [Bernabe Leon-Alvarez](#), a former pastor in Racine, Wisconsin, has been sentenced to 11 years in prison for "attempted sexual exploitation by a therapist and child enticement." Groping two

teenage girls, in layman's terms. His church, which no longer exists, was called Esperanza en Cristo, and [he also worked](#) at other churches in the Milwaukee and Illinois. I am unclear on what kind of affiliation this church had, if any.

8. [Bruce Hollen](#), 63, a former pastor in The Woodlands, Texas, sentenced to two years for possession of child pornography. His former church was a Calvary Chapel. These are charismatic evangelical churches.
9. [Lindsey Whiteside](#), Hernando, Mississippi. The first woman on this list. Former youth leader and coach at the Getwell Church. Charged with sexually assaulting an underage girl. Getwell Church Hernando, which appears to be a campus of Getwell Church Southaven (both are suburbs of Memphis), is non-denominational, and [its website](#) says they believe in biblical infallibility and ascribe to "orthodox" beliefs in the Wesleyan tradition. So conservative, evangelical.
10. Thiensville, Wisconsin. [Daniel Rick](#), 36, charged with sex crimes against children. Rick was a teacher and athletic director at Christ Alone Lutheran School. Excerpt: "A criminal complaint accuses Rick of picking 'favorite' boy students each year and having some of them sit on his lap, where he would touch their stomachs or rub their backs and kiss them."
11. Here is an interesting one. Former New York Yankees Hall of Famer Mariano Rivera and his wife Clara are named in a lawsuit for "covering up the sexual abuse of a minor in their home and at a 2018 summer camp affiliated with an Assemblies of God church they founded in 2009 known as the Refugio De Esperanza (the Refuge of Hope)," per the [Christian Post](#). The church is in New Rochelle, New York, and obviously the Assemblies of God are a whole tongue-speaking pentecostal situation. The lawsuit says there were multiple perpetrators, including, surprise, a youth pastor named Ruben Tavaréz.
12. Cleveland County, Oklahoma. [James McMillan](#), a former pastor, was arrested for the third time in as many months, for texting a nude to a teenager in Kansas, a classmate of his son's. [Previous arrests](#) were for child sex crimes. KFOR in Oklahoma City says McMillan "was a former pastor at a minimum of two churches in Slaughterville and Konawa. [Sources] confirmed McMillan left both churches under strange circumstances several years ago, and hasn't preached at either location since then." They didn't say which churches, but the [Christian Post identified them](#) as Slaughterville Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Konawa, both of which I *think* are Southern Baptist Convention.
13. Tehachapi, California. [Adrian Daugherty](#), 41-year-old youth pastor at the Tehachapi Church of the Nazarene, arrested for alleged sexual assault of a teenager.
14. [Eric DeJaeger](#), 77, a former Catholic priest in Igloolik, Nunavut — that's Canada — sentenced to seven years in prison for sexually abusing seven children between ages four and nine between 1978 and 1982.
15. Augusta Township/Ypsilanti, Michigan. Update on [Zachary Radcliff](#), a former youth pastor who is charged with 33 felonies for sexually abusing kids. He's been denied bond because apparently he kept harassing an alleged victim who spoke out. He told this victim to "keep his ... mouth shut." An alumnus of Liberty University, Radcliff was the worship director and interim youth pastor at Oakwood Baptist Church in Augusta Township, where his daddy is the pastor. Oakwood is a Southern Baptist congregation. The alleged victims: 10 boys, one girl, one under 13. According to one alleged victim, who was 15 at the time, Radcliff called it their "cute little secret." [Radcliff has performed at CPAC](#), and oh boy, he's a big Trump supporter.

For a picture of him with Donald Trump Jr., Kimberly Guilfoyle and Jerry Falwell Jr., [click here](#). Hemant Mehta AKA The Friendly Atheist [has so much more](#).

16. Jackson, Tennessee. Former youth pastor [Ryan McElrath](#), age 40, has pleaded guilty after being charged with “statutory rape by an authority figure, sexual battery by an authority figure, and aggravated statutory rape.” The victim was 17, and it happened at Fellowship Bible Church, which appears to be a nondenominational and extremely conservative, mostly white burgeoning megachurch. All the elders and pastors are men, and it takes about one second to find something homophobic on [their website](#).
17. Longview, Texas. A “faith-based gymnastics coach.” (For fuck’s sake.) [Matthew Orban](#), age 52. Indicted for sexually assaulting a minor. Says he “intentionally and knowingly caused the penetration of the sexual organ” of the victim “by defendant’s finger.” The website for “Faith Flip” — yeah, really — appears to be offline now — surprise! — but the news article says it used to say that “God has put on our heart to reach out to those that might not be able to afford a gymnastics lesson or get to hear the word of God.” You see, they didn’t charge the kids. At least they didn’t charge money. Allegedly.
18. Mineola, Texas, just down the road from Longview. [Timothy Nall](#), a former pastor at Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church. Arrested for sexual assault of a child, and this is not the first time or the first reported victim. [He was also charged](#) with sexual battery against a teen girl in 2013, and indicted in 2014 for molesting a six-year-old girl. This happened when he was pastor at Farmington Baptist Church, in Corinth, Mississippi. [Farmington brags](#) on its website that it’s the oldest Baptist church in north Mississippi. [It’s another independent Baptist/King James church](#). [On the website for Mt. Pisgah in Texas](#), the church lists as its affiliations the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas and Jacksonville College, a Christian junior college. Private Christian junior colleges are big with homeschoolers in East Texas. Ask me how I know this.
19. Welcome the Mormons to the list. Washington, Utah. [Mark Stevens](#), 68, a former LDS bishop, charged with “one count of forcible sodomy, a first-degree felony, and two counts second-degree of forcible sexual abuse.” The alleged victim was 16 at the time, in 2006 and 2007.
20. Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. [Dwight Suttles](#), age 69, charged with rape of a child, plus five counts of sexual battery. Five alleged victims. All under 13. Suttles was the pastor of Liberty Baptist Church. This is *another* independent Baptist/King James church! Golly, at what point do we consider it endemic?
21. Troy, Alabama. [Samuel McCall](#), a youth group volunteer, arrested for child porn. [According to Beks](#), who monitors this stuff on Twitter and other places, the name of the church hasn’t been released.
22. Update on [Mike Bickle](#), the predator founder of the Kansas City International House of Prayer, a pentecostal movement. A new 68-page report claims Bickle sexually abused “at least 17 females, including minors.” This reportedly started in the mid-1970s. One survivor says Bickle would make her read Psalm 51 after he abused her. ([You have to read it](#) to realize how fucked that is.)
23. [Aaron Craig Gleason](#), Niceville, Florida, charged with “lewd and lascivious molestation of a child under 12.” He taught Bible and was the middle school soccer coach at Rocky Bayou Christian School, [which is Southern Baptist](#). This one is just amazing, because Gleason [has written for](#) not only [The Federalist](#) but also Ben Shapiro’s Daily Wire, where Matt Walsh and Michael Knowles work and [attack LGBTQ+ people daily](#). (For The Federalist, he wrote a review of *The Sound Of Freedom*, that total bullshit right-wing movie about, you guessed it, child sex trafficking.) [Here is an archived version](#) of Gleason’s author page at Daily Wire. Commenting on Twitter on a drag march in New York City in 2023, Gleason said, “No

grooming going on here, they're just coming for our children." The marchers in the video were chanting that, but it was a joke making fun of right-wingers who say *things like that*. Gleason is apparently pretty big on accusing LGBTQ people of "grooming" children. [I have long hypothesized](#) that Christian conservatives' *true* objection to that is that it gets in the way of their own grooming, in all the forms that takes, including when it's the Bible teacher at the Southern Baptist school. (Alongside that is my hypothesis that, to conservative Christians, LGBTQ+ "grooming" consists of any action that helps LGBTQ+ kids have access to information that will make them accept themselves and love themselves, rather than live in self-hatred or die by suicide.)

24. Robert Morris. The founder of a Texas megachurch [pled guilty](#) to five counts of lewd or indecent acts with a child stemming from incidents that date back to the 1980s. Morris, who resigned last summer as senior pastor of Gateway Church in Southlake, Texas, was indicted by a Multi-County Grand Jury earlier this year. The abuse began in December 1982 when Morris was a traveling evangelist visiting the family of the victim in Hominy. The victim was 12 years old at the time, and the abuse continued over the next four years. Under the plea agreement, Morris received a 10-year suspended sentence with the first six months to be served in the Osage County Jail. He must register as a sex offender and will be supervised by Texas authorities via interstate compact. Morris was also ordered to pay his costs of incarceration, including any medical expenses, and restitution to the victim.
25. Bartlett, Tennessee. (That's a Memphis suburb.) [John Miller, 48](#), was a youth volunteer for years at Hope Church in the Cordova area of Memphis. Charged with rape of a child. [The indictment says](#) it happened in 2006-2007, and the victim was between three and 13 years old at the time. [Hope Church](#) is one of those megachurches that tries to act like it's welcoming to everybody, and we've even heard occasionally of gays going there. Hope doesn't like to lead with the fact that it's affiliated with the severely bigoted Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), but it is. I live in Memphis, and I tend to think Hope is fucking garbage.
26. Middletown, Delaware. [Justin Lee Smith](#) was the head of the St. Anne's Episcopal School. Arrested for possession of child porn, featuring girls from six to 16.
27. North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. [Chadwick Branch, 55](#), arrested with "voluminous amounts" of child porn. He was apparently the former pastor of the Victory Baptist Church in Sutherlin, Virginia. Surprise, it's one of those independent fundamentalist Baptist King James churches! Real quick, search the words "King James" on this page and see how many times they come up. It's only March, y'all. I just started this project in January.
28. Derwood, Maryland. [Ervin Alvaro-Lopez, 34](#), pleaded guilty to molesting four young girls, and was sentenced to prison. He was a teacher at the Elim Gaithersburg Church, which appears to be a Spanish language church of some kind. Surprise, a local [Fox News affiliate headline](#) on this was that he was an immigrant who had been previously deported. Really? Is *that* what makes him dangerous to children? Or does the rest of this list suggest perhaps it's something else? Just curious.
29. [Faith Life Church](#) in Ohio seems to be a REAL charlatan operation. It's a megachurch with multiple campuses, it looks grifty as hell, and as JoeMyGod notes, Drenda Keesee, one of the senior pastors (along with her husband Gary) is a conspiracy theorist who talks about things like "globalists, Democrats, the one world order." They ascribe to Seven Mountains Dominionism ([which is holyshitbonkers](#)). Anyway, their son, Gary Thomas "Tom" Keesee, who has been an officer of the church, [has been accused of molesting](#) more than one person, including his own sister.

30. Granite Falls, North Carolina. [Ashley Crouse](#), a former pastor at the New Vision Baptist Fellowship, sentenced to 10 years for child porn possession. He had it on his computer at church. New Vision is a Southern Baptist congregation.
31. Tupelo, Mississippi. [Alexander Blackwelder, 28](#), was the youth pastor at the East Main Street Church of Christ, which is Church of Christ obviously, unless they're trying to fool me. Sentenced to prison for 10 years for having an "inappropriate" sexual relationship with a 16-year-old minor girl.
32. Harris County, Texas. (Houston area.) [Lance Hoffpauir, 42](#), nabbed in "To Catch A Predator"-type sting. Online solicitation of someone he believed was a minor. Initial reports said he was a church youth group volunteer and a former junior high history teacher, but didn't say where.
33. Riverside, California. [Matthew Johnson](#), 34, lately of Bryan, Texas, sentenced to 30 years in prison for making his own child porn, filming kids while working as a counselor at La Sierra (Seventh-Day Adventist) Academy in Riverside, and as a chaperone at a junior high Bible camp, hiding cameras in bathrooms and the like. If you are not familiar with the Seventh-Day Adventists, well, a lot of regular-type evangelicals [believe they are a cult](#). They skew very conservative, though. The "seventh day" refers to how they observe Saturday as the Sabbath.
34. Fruitport Township, Michigan. [Daniel Devries](#), a deacon, a Sunday school teacher, sentenced to four to 10 years in prison for child porn. He was a deacon at [Unity Reformed Church](#) in Norton Shores. Also, he "started and volunteered at an organization called Kids Hope Network, which runs a program with students at Churchill Elementary School." Of course. Always note when you hear "Reformed" that you are probably talking about the same *general* neighborhood of extremely conservative Presbyterian churches as the type where Defense Secretary Christian Nationalist Pete Hegseth [is involved](#), where Senator Josh Hawley has attended in the past, and *many many many* more of the most prominent Christian nationalists currently working to destroy America. That said, Unity's denomination is the [Reformed Church in America](#), which is conservative, but not so conservative that a bunch of churches [didn't split off in 2022](#) in a huff because the RCA isn't viciously anti-LGBTQ enough.
35. Racine County, Wisconsin. [Crystal Lachman, 30](#), a worker at a Christian daycare. Arrested for child porn. It was the Bright & Beautiful Christian Child Care Center, affiliated with Union Grove Methodist Church. Union Grove appears to be a regular old United Methodist church.
36. Cleveland, Tennessee. [Richard Lee Sentell](#) pleaded guilty and was sentenced to eight years in prison on child porn charges. He was the senior pastor of Cornerstone Church of God, which is some Holiness-Pentecostal shit. Holiness is a whole extremely conservative, pentecostal-adjacent movement. Those with experience in it should chime in, in the comments!
37. Yakima, Washington. [David Franklin, 68](#), sentenced to 30 years in prison for making, transporting and possessing child porn. Franklin "was a former Assemblies of God pastor, a chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol, and a leader in the Royal Rangers, which is a Christian scouting-type organization for boys," according to court documents. You know, just all the fucking things. Surprise, the Royal Rangers are [suuuuuper anti-LGBT bigots](#).
38. Plain Township, Ohio. [Jesse Santos, 59](#), pastor of the Canton Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Accused of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a minor 14-year-old girl on a camping trip.
39. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. [John-Paul Miller](#), accused of raping a 15-year-old girl more than 25 years ago *and then assaulting her again* in 2023. Christian Post notes that this is coming not even a year after the suicide of Miller's wife Mica Miller, which seems to be viewed suspiciously. [The woman's lawsuit](#) names both Miller and his father Reginald Miller, plus all their affiliated churches, and says of the two men: "Behind their religious facade, John-Paul Miller and Reginald Wayne Miller engaged in sexual abuse and predatory conduct

— often targeting minors. They used their positions of power to manipulate and exploit vulnerable victims while concealing their actions from the public." Miller was pastor at a church called Solid Rock at Market Common, which appears to [have just been sold](#). It looks like [it's become](#) Living Water at Market Common, and ... I don't fuckin' know. Somebody in Myrtle Beach have a better understanding of this story? Chime in! Seems like some [major evangelical megachurch drama](#).

40. Asheboro, North Carolina. Lucas Hunt, 25, not a pastor or youth group leader, but apparently originated the idea for a very popular (?) campaign of ["Thank You Jesus" signs](#)? Uh yeah, anyway, arrested for child porn possession.
41. Trenton, New Jersey. [Charles Brinson, 64](#), pastor ("bishop") of the Brinson Memorial Church on Brinson Avenue — really — "arrested and charged with aggravated sexual assault and endangering the welfare of a child following separate incidents that, allegedly, happened earlier this year." On their [Facebook page](#), they call themselves "interdenominational." [Brinson was also arrested](#) in 2008 for molesting a 15-year-old boy.
42. Bentonville, Arkansas. [Andrew Apple, 27](#), was arrested after being accused of sexual abuse and rape involving two minor boys at the church where he volunteered with the youth program. The website, which looks very pentecostal-y and high-tech-y, says it strives to become a "21st Century Apostolic Church." So ... yeah, megachurch, charismatic, pentecostal, all that shit. There seems to be a [book that uses that very same terminology](#).
43. Highlands Ranch, Colorado, near Denver. [Richard Merskin, 42](#), convicted of sexually assaulting his own daughter, who was under age 15. Merskin was a minister at [The River Church](#), and oh boy, just go to the website, you'll see what kind of high-tech laying-on-of-hands speaking-in-tongues kind of place it is. Denominationally, the website says they "are involved with and have roots in the Vineyard movement and we also are part of the 400 Gathering and the Aspen Family of Churches in the Denver area." Second time the Vineyard movement has shown up on the list. [Merskin also founded something](#) called Way Of Life Ministries International.
44. A former Southern Baptist pastor named Matt Queen, most recently pastor of a church in North Carolina, [won't do prison time](#) for lying to the feds as part of the abuse investigation into the Southern Baptist Church, the one that came after that HUGE independent investigation. [There's a lot to it](#), but not easy to summarize, but I'm including it on the list to remind us how much cover-up is often involved in these situations.
45. Pueblo area, Colorado. [Stephen Hutto, 45](#), is the pastor of Highlands Baptist Church in Boone, Colorado, and used to be the youth pastor at Fountain Independent Baptist Church in Fountain, near Colorado Springs. The charge is felony child sexual assault, stemming from incidents 15 years ago. "Grooming" is specifically mentioned. Both churches come up in the [King James churches](#) directory, which has come up a number of times already on this list. Seems like these independent fundamentalist Baptist churches who are convinced Jesus spoke the King's English (AND NOT ANY OTHER LANGUAGES) have a pretty serious child sex abuse problem!
46. Waxhaw, North Carolina. Waymon Jordan, 79, the senior pastor at Greater Blessed Hope Baptist Church. Arrested for "statutory sexual offense" with a child under 15. The church's website describes it as a "community Baptist church," and elsewhere calls the church Greater Blessed Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Missionary Baptists aren't a denomination, but rather a movement, largely of Black churches, at least in the South, however, you'll see the terminology on some other churches too.
47. Salem, South Carolina. [William Franklin Galbreath, 57](#), the pastor of Harvest Holiness Church. Arrested on "a dozen counts of criminal sexual conduct, multiple counts of criminal sexual

- conduct with a minor, and assault charges.” [JoeMyGod](#) says in January Galbreath shared a post on Facebook thanking Donald Trump for banning Pride flags and “ending the celebration of the abomination of homosexuality.” Yep. His Facebook appears to have gone bye-bye, though, surprise, and the church doesn’t have an online presence.
48. Brentwood, New York, Long Island. Jose Saez, 29, a pastor at Iglesia Cristiana Alumbrando El Camino, has pleaded guilty on child porn-related charges. And if you want more information than that, hit the [New York Post](#), because we don’t even want to fucking type it, it’s so awful. The church is one of those strip mall Spanish language evangelical-type churches. Doesn’t seem to have a web presence. Moving on.
 49. Port Orange, Florida. [Jeffery Summers, 51](#), the pastor of New Hope Baptist Church. Charged with ... basically everything you see on “To Catch A Predator.” It was a sting operation, and the pastor got stung. He also worked with special ed kids in Volusia County public schools, Horizon Elementary to be specific. The Roys Report notes that New Hope doesn’t have a working website and all the lines seem disconnected — imagine that — but that New Hope is part of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Florida & the Caribbean Islands.
 50. Alpharetta, Georgia. [Daniel Menelaou, 31](#), youth pastor at the Futures Church. Arrested on child porn-related charges. [Futures Church](#) describes itself as a non-denominational “multi-site megachurch” with campuses in the US, Australia and Indonesia. The website is so tacky.
 51. South Beloit, Illinois. Anthony Dusso, 53, [has been arrested](#) on multiple counts of disseminating child pornography. South Beloit is on the Wisconsin border, and Dusso is the senior pastor of the [Our Savior’s Lutheran Church](#) in Beloit, Wisconsin, which is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. This is one of the not-so-common times when the clergy is associated with a *non*-conservative strain of Christianity. Trust us, it won’t happen that often.
 52. [Bradley Colvin](#), 52, Rolla, Missouri. Pleaded guilty to child porn possession. Among his acts, he confessed to molesting a child at a Vacation Bible School pool party. None of the articles on this specify which church at he was a church youth ministry volunteer. Local journalists? You need to specify that information. It’s important.
 53. [Christopher Willett](#), Crystal Springs, Mississippi. Arrested for “statutory rape, sexual battery, intercourse (unnatural), computer luring of a person, and child pornography.” Willett is a minister at the First Presbyterian Church of Crystal Springs. First Pres is PCA, which I believe is the largest of the extremist right-wing Presbyterian denominations that had a temper tantrum and broke away from the normal Presbyterian church (PCUSA), because the normal Presbyterian church loves people too much. (Too loving to LGBTQ+ people, etc.) This author grew up in the PCA. It’s not a good place.
 54. Jose Francisco Bernal. Fort Worth, Texas. The former pastor of the Tabernacle of Life Pentecostal Church (Tabernaculo de Vida) has been ordered to pay \$124 million to a woman he reportedly sexually abused when she was a child. He was originally arrested in 2017 for allegedly sexually abusing two women when they were children, but that case ended in a mistrial. There are a number of churches with similar names in the area, but it appears to be affiliated with the [United Pentecostal Church International](#). So, Pentecostal.
 55. [Christopher Hayes](#), 46, Spring Hill, Florida. Whole lot going on with this one. A realtor with Berkshire Hathaway, a youth lacrosse coach, a church deacon at the Idlewild Baptist Church in Lutz, Florida. Arrested on 90 charges involving not only child pornography but also bestiality, including his own dog. (His wife confirmed the dog’s identity, [one article says](#).) The church no longer appears on [his LinkedIn](#), but assuming [this is the correct Idlewild](#) — it’s a megachurch also in the Tampa Bay area — it’s a big ass Southern Baptist congregation.

56. [Rodger Strong](#), 69, recently retired pastor from Orland, Indiana. He is charged with molesting a five-year-old girl a number of times. He was pastor of Orland Church of the Nazarene, [which no longer exists](#) due to Rodger Strong. Probably for the best. One less conservative church in existence.
57. [Elvis Colenberg](#), Jefferson County, Mississippi, pastor and former school bus driver. Accused of repeatedly forcing two 14-year-olds to have sex with each other on his school bus. It appears we are talking about the [Hollywood Missionary Baptist Church](#), in Fayette, Mississippi. Affiliated with the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi. Damn, Mississippi comes up a lot on this list.
58. [Tyler Selby](#), Ocean Springs, Mississippi. (AS I WAS SAYING!) Sentenced to 20 years for making child porn and sexually abusing a young boy. Selby was a worship leader at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Ocean Springs, and was fired as music minister at Robinwood Baptist Church in Harrison County upon his arrest. Both are Southern Baptist churches.
59. [Joshua Lucero](#), 28, Thornton, Colorado. Arrested for multiple sexual assaults of juveniles from when he was a youth pastor at the Word Alive Church. [The church refers to itself](#) as “full-gospel” and non-denominational. Notably, his parents appear to be the pastors. That’s a scenario I’ve seen several times on this list.
60. Willie Leon Wright, Green Cove Springs, Florida. Arrested in an underage sex sting, and even [brought his three-year-old son](#) with him when he came to meet the fake 14-year-old girl. Nothing we’re seeing lists the church. In the same sting, ANOTHER Republican official [was caught up](#), this one trying to meet up with a fake 14-year-old boy.
61. We’ll let the [New York Times](#) write this one: “Theodore E. McCarrick, the former archbishop of Washington and the highest American prelate of the Roman Catholic Church to be accused of sexually abusing minors and seminarians — a charge that stripped him of his ministry, his place in the College of Cardinals and his priesthood, reducing him to the status of a layman — has died. He was 94.” Rest in hell, motherfucker.
62. [Elmer Baca-Flores](#), Del City, Oklahoma. Accused of molesting an underage girl after he told her he spoke for God and that she was the “chosen one.” Lots of weird shit going on with this one, allegations of human and labor trafficking, etc. Sounds like some cult leader behavior. His church — the Ministerio Levantando Adoradores Para Cristo Inc. — “meets for services either in his home, at a park, or elsewhere,” says the local news.
63. [Fr. Jaime Arriaga](#), 41. Priest at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Downey, California. Arrested and accused of raping a minor.
64. Village of Farwell, Surrey Township, Michigan. [Harold Norman Cole, Jr.](#), a former pastor of Farwell Trinity Baptist Church, sentenced to 365 days in prison after pleading no contest to aggravated assault of a child under 13. Details a bit scarce, but the [original accusation](#) was criminal sexual conduct against a child. Trinity comes up in the [directory of KJV churches](#) — King James — which tend to be independent fundamentalist Baptist churches that are both to the right of and even less biblically literate than the Southern Baptists. They believe only the King James version of the Bible is the real one, because God apparently only knows that version of English. These churches come up again and again on this list, and as the [Preacher Boys Podcast explains](#), the real defining characteristic of these churches is *control*.
65. [Britt Taylor](#), Horn Lake, Mississippi. (Memphis suburbs. Third Memphis appearance on this list!) Indicted for trying to send a sexual picture to an underage girl. Oops it was a cop. Taylor was the music minister at Calvary Baptist Church in Horn Lake. Calvary is a Southern Baptist church.

66. [North Rome, Pennsylvania](#). Brad Swink, 40, facing child pornography possession charges after a sting. He's a pastor at the North Rome Wesleyan Church. [Here are some of the Wesleyan Church's conservative beliefs](#) about things like homosexuality, gender identity and abortion, because of course.
67. [Fayetteville, Arkansas](#). Paul Scouten, 39, the office manager of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Tontitown (that's Duggar-land, by the way). Arrested for child porn possession.
68. [Moosic, Pennsylvania](#). Robert Morgan, 76, pleaded guilty after trying to meet up with an undercover officer posing as a kid. [He pleaded guilty](#) to the lesser charge of requesting nudes from the person he thought was a minor. He was previously a reverend at the Moosic Assembly of God. Tongue-speaking Pentecostal situation. Not the first time Assemblies of God have shown up on this list.
69. [Baldwin, Louisiana](#). Shane Wiggins, the pastor of the Baldwin Baptist Mission Church, arrested and charged with rape and child molestation. Baldwin Baptist Mission was reportedly part of the [Gulf Coast Baptist Association](#), but seems to be missing from its website now. It's a very small Southern Baptist congregation.
70. [Outlook, Washington](#), near Yakima. Benjamin Guerra, 32, a youth pastor, charged with a number of accounts of child rape and molestation, with a 15-year-old victim. The police report doesn't name the church.
71. [Amarillo, Texas](#). Patrick Kenneth Farmer, 57. Boy, this guy has been everywhere and had so many chances, it seems. [He taught at](#) San Jacinto Christian Academy and Lakeview Elementary and worked with kids at Paramount Baptist Church. He has been arrested *for the sixth time*, this time for indecency with a child, stemming from something that happened in 2000. He was arrested in 2024 on similar charges, and apparently four other times in another county, again on similar charges. All events happened between 2000 and 2005, reports say. There was a civil lawsuit against the church too. Paramount Baptist is a Southern Baptist congregation.
72. [Brighton, Michigan](#). Will Johnson, 38, peeping pastor type. Put cameras in a church bathroom, pleaded guilty to 15 charges including child sexually abusive activity and possession of child sexually abusive material, over the course of two years. He was a worship pastor at 2|42 Community Church, which appears to be some kind of non-denominational megachurch network in Michigan with seven campuses. They're conservative, *of course*.
73. [Delight, Arkansas](#). James Vincent Henry, sentenced to 110 years in prison on 11 child porn possession charges. He used to be the pastor of the Crossroads Assembly of God, oh look it's Assembly of God again. The news says he had also served as a youth pastor at several other churches, including Newsong Church in Centerton, Arkansas, also Assembly of God. Delight is toward the southwest end of the state, while Centerton is northwest, near Fayetteville, so that's the second time that area has shown up in today's update.
74. Thurston County, Washington. Jeffrey Zizz, 47, arrested and charged with murdering an 82-year-old grandmother. Apparently it was just vile and gruesome. Zizz was formerly the pastor of [Calvary North Thurston](#) in Lacey, Washington, affiliated with the Calvary Chapel (charismatic, conservative, evangelical) movement. Why is he on this list? Well, as the Roys Report explains, "The former pastor was arrested in 2021 and booked on suspicion of nine criminal counts that included [incest, rape of a child and molestation](#). Zizz pleaded guilty in Oct. 2022 to two counts of second-degree child molestation against victims ages 12 to 14 and one count of communicating with a minor under age 18 for immoral purposes, NBC reported." That's why he's on this list.
75. Mountain Home, Idaho. Gregory Wayne Jones, a pastor, and a daycare, preschool, and after-school program director of operations, arrested for human sex trafficking and also "sexual

- penetration with a foreign object." They are looking for more victims. He's in jail on \$1 million bail. He's reportedly the pastor/evangelist at the Liberty Christian Fellowship Church, [which calls itself](#) a "non-demoninational Five Fold ministry," a term that is explained [here](#).
76. [Kaukauna, Wisconsin](#). Colin Killoren, 30, charged with seven counts of child sexual exploitation and seven counts of child porn possession. [Teaches logic, philosophy and debate at](#) St. Ignatius Catholic School.
 77. [Raleigh, North Carolina](#). Aaron Bradley, 30, was the minister for the Elementary Department at the First Korean Baptist Church in Raleigh. Charged with sexual exploitation of minors, accused of distributing child porn. First Korean Baptist is a Southern Baptist congregation that [describes itself](#) as orthodox and evangelical. Crazy how Southern Baptist just keeps coming up.
 78. [Collinsville, Illinois](#). Matthew Cuppett, 33, charged on multiple counts of grooming and sexual exploitation of minors. Reportedly "performed sexual acts" in front of kids. He was a mental health counselor at Pathways Counseling, which is part of Baptist Children's Home and Family Services of Illinois (BFCHFS), [whose website](#) is all kinds of conservative Christian counseling hell. Surprise, they even have a [fake abortion clinic](#), one of those places that lies to pregnant people and tries to lure them away from having abortions.
 79. [Kelowna, British Columbia](#). Art Lucier, charismatic pastor of Kelowna Harvest Fellowship, part of Harvest Ministries International. Accused in two lawsuits of grooming and sexually abusing two foster children over the space of years when [he was the pastor](#) of Kitimat Harvest Ministries in Kitimat. Because they have [charismatic and prophetic and non-denominational bullshit in Canada too!](#) Which means they're likely to end up on this list.
 80. [Kalamazoo County, Michigan](#). A woman is suing Ethnos360, a Christian missionary organization, alleging that when she was a child living with her missionary parents in Indonesia, between 2005 and 2010, she was repeatedly raped and sexually abused by another missionary, named as Nate Horling. Her lawsuit says Ethnos360, the sponsor for Horling, didn't report what she told them, or investigate, or anything. Instead, says the Roys Report, they "subjected her to a traumatizing and biased internal inquiry process known as IHART, which she says was falsely represented as independent." Also, says the Roys Report, "This is not the first time Ethnos360 has faced public scrutiny over sexual abuse of children on the mission field." Huh, well look at that, what a surprise. Ethnos360 used to be called New Tribes Mission, and you can read all about their evangelical missionary shit on [Wikipedia](#).
 81. [Roseville, Minnesota](#). Joshua Alirio Seeman, 50, charged with sexually assaulting four children ages four to six, at the King of Kings Lutheran Church and School, part of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, where he was a volunteer. The alleged events were from this year. But surprise! Roys Report: "According to the criminal complaint, police also have reports alleging that Seeman committed sexual assaults in 2001, 2006, 2014, 2015 and 2022." Now here's the thing. Apparently, according to the criminal complaint, Seeman is cognitively delayed. Clearly he needs help. But he got through the church's background checks and was allowed around kids! Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is extremely conservative, and not to be confused with the larger, mainline Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).
 82. [North Chesterfield, Virginia](#). Two sisters are suing the Bethany Place Church and its former youth group leader Gerald Thomas for \$300 million — \$150 million in two lawsuits — over sexual abuse they say happened when they were children. The church is not Southern Baptist anymore — and it's not called Bethany Place anymore — but it was at the time. They say he did what he did to them (click on the link for details, I'm sick of reading this shit for today) happened literally in front of church leaders and employees. Thomas pleaded guilty back in

2010 to charges related to these sisters, and the Roys Report says he was convicted in 2021 on *another* sexual abuse case from around the same era at the church.

83. [Sanford, Florida](#). Yersson David Solarte Basto, 34, pastor of the IPUL Pentecostal Church, which appears to be part of the [United Latinamerican Pentecostal Church](#), though we don't see the church name in its directory at the moment. Spanish-speaking, Pentecostal, which is a rapidly growing movement. Arrested after allegedly molesting two underage girls. Authorities think there might be more victims.
84. [Goleta, California](#). Shaun Hertlein, 42. Arrested for felony child sex crimes, and again, authorities are seeking more victims. He was a youth pastor at SOUTHCOAST Church, which [has the website](#) of literally any conservative evangelical church where there are fucking guitars and praise and worship bands and all that garbage. Appears to be affiliated with the [Assemblies of God](#), but it's hard to find that on the website. Also was a freshman boys' football coach at Dos Pueblos High School, [and has been involved](#) with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which you might have heard of.
85. [Jenks, Oklahoma](#), near Tulsa. Chaz Chinsethagid, a former youth pastor, sentenced to 14 years in prison for child porn possession and coercion of a minor. [He was a youth pastor](#) at Riverview Baptist Church in Bixby, a Southern Baptist congregation. Three Southern Baptist leaders wrote character letters for him before his sentencing, isn't that nice.
86. [Kissimmee, Florida](#). Daniel Lamppin, 40, faces 24 charges of sexually abusing foster children. One alleged victim was a six-year-old girl, who he's said to have abused for several years. He was a youth pastor at The Connection Church in Kissimmee, and also worked at Chick-Fil-A, which reportedly also gave him access to kids. Authorities are looking for more victims. Marcos Lopez, the sheriff on the case — you'll love this — said, "It's sad and It's sickening, you know, because you got a restaurant with a very good reputation, some real big Christian values, and then this guy infiltrates that, and now he infiltrates it as a youth pastor under a church blanket — these monsters exist." Somebody should tell him about the correlation between "real big Christian values" and child sex abuse. The Connection Church has another one of those boilerplate guitars-for-Jesus conservative websites, and oh boy would you look at its [patriarchal no-girls-allowed ministry staff](#). It appears to be a [Converge Worldwide](#) congregation, [which is Baptist](#), but not Southern Baptist. That [anti-gay asshole motherfucker John Piper](#) is affiliated with Converge.
87. [Greenville County, South Carolina](#). A pastor named Myron Chorbaijan from the 1st Southern Methodist Church, was arrested with his wife Kathleen. Charges related to abuse of eight children starting back in the 1980s, abuse that was reportedly sexual for all the girls. His charges include criminal sexual conduct with minors and incest, his wife's are about placing children at risk. Yes, that would be the [Southern Methodist Church](#), which is fucking fundamentalist and batshit and affiliated with the Holiness movement, as opposed to the United Methodist Church, which is different from all that. Holiness has now come up on this list three times. They haven't taken Pastor Myron's sermons off their [Facebook page](#).
88. [Wichita Falls, Texas](#). Nathan Roach, 31, arrested for child grooming. The alleged victim was 15. Roach was the youth pastor, and then the lead pastor, at [First Baptist Church of Holliday](#). Southern Baptist, apparently.

89. [Siler City, North Carolina](#). Nelson Chay, 57, arrested on child porn charges. A pastor at a place called Casa de Dios. The church doesn't have much online presence to speak of, but I'm guessing it's Spanish-speaking and some kind of evangelical or charismatic or pentecostal or some combo of all those.
90. [Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin](#). James Lane, 53, a former youth pastor, sentenced to 10 years after pleading guilty to multiple sexual assaults of the same child. He was a youth pastor at [Faith Reformed Church](#), which is part of the Alliance of Reformed Churches. (Search "reformed" on this page if you don't already know what that signifies.) This church left the Reformed Church of America (RCA), SURPRISE SURPRISE! because the [RCA was too loving and Christlike to gays](#). Ain't that always the fucking way.
91. [Mooreville, Indiana](#). Jacob Wessel, who taught robotics at Mooreville Christian Academy (non-denominational), accused of giving weed and Adderall to a 13-year-old student, and also "sending her sexually loaded texts." He reportedly told the victim that they were "in love" and ugh, good God, just read it if you want to.
92. [NBC News with a huge story](#) on Joe Campbell, an Assemblies of God/Pentecostal preacher in Branson, Missouri, who according to five women sexually assaulted them repeatedly in the '70s and '80s when they were children. [Campbell is the main pastor](#) at Jim Bakker's Morningside Church, but suddenly his info has been disappeared from all their websites. Shocker.
93. [The Preacher Boys Podcast reports](#) on the story of Tim Forgy, associate pastor of Liberty Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina. Also was the middle school principal at the church's affiliated Liberty Christian School. (It doesn't appear to be Southern Baptist, but any other affiliations are unclear [based on the website](#). Seems pretty conservative, though.) Anyway, Forgy died by suicide recently after being confronted in some way with allegations he sexually abused a teenage girl 15 years ago in Texas, and this was confirmed by the senior pastor of the church, who was also Forgy's brother-in-law.
94. Rutherford County, TN. The trial is about to start for Benjamin Garlick and his estranged wife Shaantel on many charges of sexual abuse of children. [Garlick was a "traveling evangelist"](#) who predominantly focused on the Hispanic community.
95. [Little Rock, Arkansas](#). Reagan Gray has pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting a teenage boy when she was a church volunteer at the Immanuel Baptist Church. She also worked at Little Rock Christian Academy. She was 23, he 15. The unique thing about this story is that she is one of the few women on this list. The not unique thing is that Immanuel is a [Southern Baptist megachurch](#).
96. Speaking of! Champion Forest Baptist Church, the Houston Southern Baptist megachurch, [has settled in the case](#) of former youth pastor Timothy Jeltama, who is currently in prison after admitting to sexually abusing around 25 young girls. [Preacher Boys Pod](#) notes that this is the *second* child sex abuse lawsuit Champion Forest has settled in the space of less than a year.
97. [Gainesville, Florida](#). Christopher Whitehead, age 35, a now-former pastor of Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church, accused of sexual battery of a minor. Historically Black church, not sure if it's affiliated with a specific denomination.

98. [Gainesville, Florida](#), once again. Casey Ashton Phillips, 32, former youth volunteer at the Northwest Baptist Church — Jesus, how many times can we type “Baptist” in today’s update? — charged with sexually abusing a young teenage girl of 14 or 15. He was 20 or 21 at the time. Southern Baptist, TA-DA!
99. [Lewisville, Texas](#). Jim Mustain, extradited from North Carolina on child porn possession charges. Mustain is a former community pastor at Preston Trail Community Church in Frisco, and volunteered at elementary schools. Non-denominational evangelical megachurch shit.
100. [Midland, Michigan](#). Scott Hought, 54, former associate pastor at Midland Baptist Church, and a former deacon and director of the bible school at Grace Baptist in Coleman. Sentenced to prison for sexually abusing his own daughters. These are Baptist churches of the independent, King James variety, which we’ve talked about a lot here.
101. [Mount Holly, New Jersey](#). Shawn Tracey, 44. Arrested on multiple charges related to raping a child under 13. (The news article uses the phrase “having sex with,” which does not exist WHEN THE VICTIM IS UNDER 13.) Tracey is a deacon at the Burlington Seventh Day Adventist Church.
102. [Middleburg, Florida](#). Joshua Dice, 35. Felony charges in the “To Catch A Predator” mold. He taught at Calvary Christian Academy, and was affiliated with Calvary Baptist Church. The local news notes that a teacher at the same school was arrested for sexually abusing a ninth-grader in 2022. Hey look, independent fundamentalist Baptist King James shit again.
103. [San Juan Capistrano, California](#), but these are some huge federal charges. Jacob Melvin Hart, 45, a former youth pastor, was arrested at the Miami airport coming back from Haiti with an absolute shitload of CSAM on his phone. Plus a ton more, of the AI variety. In the past, he was the youth pastor at the First Baptist Church in La Grande, Oregon, during which time he was arrested for putting a camera in the girls’ showers at Christian camp. Affiliated with the [Venture Church Network](#), formerly called the Conservative Baptist Association of America, which split from the *Northern* Baptist Convention, because they weren’t fundamentalist enough. Naturally.
104. [Holly Hill, Florida](#). David McKeown, 47, a sixth-grade Christian school teacher, arrested on 19 counts of possession of child porn and six counts related to bestiality with his own family pet. He teaches/taught at a school called UBIC Academy, and according to [the police](#), “law enforcement believes he utilized artificial intelligence technology to create CSAM with real children, some of whom may have attended UBIC Academy.” UBIC stands for United Brethren in Christ, and there’s an associated church with the same name. This small denomination is conservative, evangelical, and is descended variously from Mennonites and the Holiness tradition. It’s not on the website anymore, but if you Google the church and the town name, it appears the pastor has the same last name as the accused here.
105. [Tucson, Arizona](#). An 82-year-old pastor named Isaac Noriega has been arrested for failing to report child sexual abuse of young boys by 57-year-old Jose Mora, one of his parishioners. Mora was arrested several months back. Noriega pastors the Golden Dawn Tabernacle/Tabernaculo Emanuel. [Interesting](#): “Twenty former members have accused” the church of “being a ‘cult’ that isolates its congregants from outsiders — including law

enforcement. The former congregants say the environment puts children in harm's way and encourages the cover-up of abuse." MUCH more at that link. It's part of a movement called [The Message](#), which by our best read falls *somewhere* under the pentecostal diaspora.

106. [Marshall County, Kentucky](#). Clarence Barry Hungerford, requested for soliciting pictures of an 11-year-old girl and then destroying his phone. That would be *Pastor* Clarence Barry Hungerford, and he was the girl's pastor at Aurora Baptist Church. Aurora *Southern Baptist* Church.
107. [Upper Allen Township, Pennsylvania](#). Roy Andrews, 77, is going to prison for just four months for molesting a nine-year-old girl, at a McDonald's. He was a youth group leader at a Hispanic church in Harrisburg called Iglesia La Fuente, which he reportedly helped found. Not the first time on this list we've seen white-ass Americans preying on Hispanic church-goers. I might have been inclined to leave the description at that, but I Googled the church and it turns out it is ... *Southern Baptist*.
108. [Nakina, North Carolina](#). Devin Carroll, 22, arrested for sexually abusing a 13-year-old. Carroll is most recently the pastor of the Happy Home Baptist Church, but at the time was an in-school suspension aide at the local middle school, where the incident allegedly took place. [Churches with 22-year-old pastors](#) sound totally on the up-and-up, don't you think? Happy Home is affiliated with the ... *Southern Baptists*.
109. Indianapolis, Indiana. Torrie Lemon, a 23-year-old and a woman, was a Christian school kindergarten teacher at the Colonial Christian School, which is affiliated with the Colonial Hills Baptist Church. Unfortunately she was caught and charged for sexually abusing a 17-year-old female student. Colonial Hills is an [independent fundamentalist Baptist](#) type affair. Surprise, the [Preacher Boys Podcast reports](#) that the church's pastor is a real teenage-rape-victim-shaming piece of shit!
110. [The Preacher Boys also report](#) that a guy named Carver Bowers — get this, a Christian influencer with DUGGAR TIES — was on June 13 "arrested on multiple counts of first-degree sexual abuse of a minor." Specifically a minor under 12. A person with DUGGAR TIES being arrested for that? The fuck you say!
111. [Richmond County, Virginia](#). Albert Wharton, the 88-year-old former pastor of Victory Baptist Church, took an Alford Plea on seven out of 30 felony charges, all related to sexual abuse of a child under 13. (Definition of [Alford Plea](#). They don't admit guilt, but they admit the state sure does have the goods on them.) This is related to reported crimes between 1981 and 1997 at the church's Berachah Christian Academy in Warsaw, Virginia. Oh boy, he got around though: "Richmond County Sheriff Stephan Smith said Wharton worked as a pastor at churches in Virginia, South Carolina, Alabama and Florida during the last 40 years." Victory Baptist = independent fundamentalist Baptist King James shit.
112. [Ridgeland, Mississippi](#). Mark Wayne Williams, 60. Caught in an undercover sting trying to do "To Catch A Predator" shit to somebody he thought was an underage boy, on some type of gay dating app. Sentenced to 15 years, 10 suspended. He was a deacon at First Baptist Church in Jackson. That'd be Southern Baptist.

113. [Spokane, Washington.](#) A woman named Shelby McGee has filed a lawsuit, against: Faith Baptist Church, the school it controls, and two of its former leaders. Per the Preacher Boys, “she was groomed and sexually assaulted by then-principal Dan Kobernat between 2011–2013 while she was a student” at the school. Independent fundamentalist Baptist King James shit.
114. [Soso, Mississippi.](#) Justin Rhodes, 45 arrested for sexually abusing a child. He was the pastor of the Big Creek Baptist Church in Big Creek. (Southern Baptist.) Reportedly happened during a show choir trip to Disney World. (Y’all know how adults in churches so frequently send their kids off on trips alone with youth pastors and regular pastors and so forth.) [Preacher Boys](#) did some research and found another time when Justin Rhodes got fired from a church job for “unstated moral failure.” Surprise.
115. [Pickaway County, Ohio.](#) The Roys Report tells of Dominic Foor, 39, who was indicted at the beginning of June on multiple counts related to sexually abusing a minor. He was previously the pastor of Pathway Apostolic Church in Columbus, which Roys notes is part of the United Pentecostal Church International. Now he’s preaching at a new place called New Direction, which is close by and non-denominational. They believe he’s TOTALLY innocent.
116. [Moorcroft, Wyoming.](#) Charles Dean “Chuck” Massie, 64, confessed to his counselor that he had molested multiple young girls during church when he was between the ages of 49 and 53. How young? How about kindergarten? Don’t know what kind of churches, but it was multiple places in more than one state.
117. [Mobile County, Alabama.](#) John Penrod was arrested after forgetting to inform authorities he was volunteering on the Greeting Committee at church with two 13-year-olds. See, a while back in Michigan, Penrod was convicted of sexual misconduct with a 13-year-old, so he was definitely supposed to tell the authorities. The church in Alabama is the St. Elmo Seventh Day Adventist Church.
118. [Albuquerque, New Mexico.](#) Kelly McEachran, a teacher at Hope Christian Elementary school, charged with rape and criminal sexual contact of a minor, with the victim being 11. Hope Christian is a non-denominational Christian school.
119. [Warminster, Pennsylvania.](#) Richard Allen Adamsky, 65, was a teacher and coach at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Elementary School. CSAM possession charges.
120. [Berkshire County, Massachusetts.](#) Eric Anderson, 80, indicted for criminal sexual abuse of a child that allegedly happened in 1980. He was big with the [Greater Grace World Outreach](#) evangelical non-denominational churches headquartered in Baltimore. Get this: “He’s been living with his son Jesse Anderson, who was [convicted of molesting a boy in the church](#) but escaped prison time for his felony offenses. They live in rural Red House, Virginia. Another son, Jonathan Anderson, has also been accused of abuse, though he has not been charged with a crime.” For fucks sake.
121. [Sioux Falls, South Dakota.](#) Kevin Wayne Koester, 32. A former pastor in Huron at the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. CSAM child porn charges. That’d be Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

122. [Orlando, Florida](#). Jared Andrew Tatum, 31, who taught engineering at the Bishop Moore Catholic school. Charged with criminal sexual misconduct, inappropriately touching a student.
123. [Meridian, Idaho](#). Isaiah Teague, 24, arrested and charged on felony counts of “lewd and lascivious conduct” with a 15-year-old girl. Met her through the youth ministry at church. No other details on this one yet.
124. [San Luis Obispo, California](#). Theodore Edward Gabrielli, 61, Catholic priest. Arrested for aggravated sexual assault of three minor boys from the same family over three decades ago. He reportedly assaulted them over the course of eight years.
125. [Laverne, Oklahoma](#). Christopher Cassel, 66. Arrested for “forcible sodomy, distribution of narcotics, and furnishing alcohol to a minor.” The news is just calling him a “pastor in Laverne,” no further info.
126. [Franklin, Tennessee](#). (One of the Beverly Hills suburbs of Nashville, full of country singers, contemporary Christian artists and other celebs.) Juan Carlos Garcia Mendoza, a former Catholic priest at the St. Philip Catholic Church of Franklin, pleaded guilty to a number of sexual misconduct charges, of both the adult and child variety. One of those charges was continuous sexual abuse of a child. Four of them were sexual battery by an authority figure. He’s been sentenced to seven years in prison.
127. [Peculiar, Missouri](#). (Really. It’s just south of Kansas City.) Andrew Lovisone, age 30, resident of Greenwood, Missouri (a Kansas City suburb), pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 10 years on charges of promoting child pornography. He was an ordained pastor at the First Baptist Church of Peculiar. (If there is ever one of these updates that does not include Baptist churches, please assume I fell asleep in the middle and forgot to finish writing the post.) First Baptist is affiliated with the [Blue River Kansas City Baptist Association](#) and its website does not make a big deal of it, but it is part of the Southern Baptist Convention.
128. Number 128 is reserved for Jason Yates, whose story I just told you up top. No special reason, that’s just the line where his name ended up in my planning. I have not run across what church he attends or attended, but he is from Hutchinson, Minnesota, a little town off to the west of the Twin Cities.
129. [Gambrills, Maryland](#). William Jones, 58, facing child sex abuse charges. Jones is a two-fer: he was a pastor at the Jessup Baptist Church in Jessup, and also taught at Elvaton Christian Academy in Millersville. Wait, a three-fer. He’s affiliated with a global mission group called Mission Fields International. There are reportedly five victims, including under age 14. Jessup Baptist is, surprise, Southern Baptist. Elvaton Christian Academy is affiliated with the Elvaton Baptist Church, which is, again surprise, Southern Baptist.
130. [Kissimmee, Florida](#). Ezequiel Rodriguez, 22 of St. Cloud, arrested on child pornography charges. Rodriguez was a youth pastor at Kingdom Conquerors Church, where his dad is the pastor. (Not the first time that scenario has shown up on this list, or the second. Maybe the fifth time?) Kingdom Conquerors is a bilingual church that ministers to the Latino community, and its website is broken. (Not the first time that’s happened either in reporting these stories.) Their Instagram [has gone private](#). So it’s hard to find any specific affiliations on the church, but it

appears to be at least endorsed by [Kingdom Nights](#), which looks like a network of Latino churches and ministries in Central Florida.

131. [Mesa, Arizona](#). Stanley Jay, 61, stands accused of molesting a 16-year-old in his congregation. You see, she was meeting with the pastor for grief counseling because her brother died. His behavior reportedly escalated, and he started sending her graphic texts. He was the pastor at the Worship Life Center Church, and oh golly, their website, Facebook and Instagram are down too. Oh golly. Google calls the church “non-demoninational,” so we’ll just call it “some kind of non-denominational evangelical shit.”
132. [Richmond County, Virginia](#). David Lawrence Schneider pleaded guilty to child sex crimes and has been sentenced to five years in prison. The latest news article says Schneider was “a youth counselor who worked at several different churches and schools throughout Richmond County,” but earlier reporting explains that he formerly served as the lead pastor of Fairport Baptist Church in Reedville, Virginia. (Southern Baptist.) [The Roys Report](#) is much more detailed on the original charges, and hoo boy. They were “19 counts of sexual abuse, including 10 counts of forcible sodomy and eight counts of indecent liberties with a child while in a custodial role.” [This news report](#) explains that the little boy he abused is autistic. He went to Liberty University — big fuckin’ surprise there — and was also previously a youth pastor at Nomini Baptist Church (also Southern Baptist) in Montross, Virginia.
133. [Greenville, South Carolina](#). Stephen Kopp, who was the director of a camp for kids on the campus of Bob Jones University (*that freakish sicko racist fascist evangelical Christian place*), was arrested last year on charges of criminal sexual misconduct with a 15-year-old victim, but the local news only just now got ahold of the warrant with real information in it. [The warrant says](#) Kopp was the “custodial guardian” for the child during the months of the alleged abuse. Bob Jones is very Thoughts And Prayers about it and emphasizes that none of it happened on campus or had anything to do with his employment, but seriously, Thoughts And Prayers! Not sure why you’d expect anything better from them.
134. [McGregor, Texas](#). (Near Waco.) Garrett English, 25, charged with child pornography possession with intent to promote. He previously worked with the Pastoral Care team at the Harris Creek Baptist Church in McGregor. [The Preacher Boys Pod](#) explains that English has attended Liberty University, where he studied church planting, and that before that, but after he graduated from Clemson, he was a *preschool teacher*. (A church-affiliated preschool, obviously.) [Harris Creek Baptist](#) is a big ugly megachurch-looking monstrosity on the highway between McGregor and Waco. According to its bylaws, it’s not affiliated with any larger denominational entity, so I guess we’ll just call it non-denominational and Baptist.
135. [Weston, West Virginia](#). We’ll let the local news type this one: “John Radcliff, II, 58, of Nettie, has been indicted for [sexually abusing multiple young girls when they were just 3 and 4 years old](#) until they were around 12 years old — many of whom are his nieces.” He was originally arrested on 191 charges, but ended up indicted on *just* 47 felony charges. His wife Kathy has been indicted on one count of “principal,” AKA accessory, AKA *she knew*. The Preacher Boys Pod explains that in the *original* charges, there was one more for Kathy: “One of the most disturbing aspects revealed in the story is the reason for Kathy Radcliff’s original charge of displaying obscene matter to a minor. Allegedly, she had two victims come into her and John’s bedroom

and watch porn with them, while John and Kathy performed sexual acts on one another.” [Reports say Radcliff](#) was a longtime youth pastor [who worked at](#) at least four churches in and around Lewis County, West Virginia, but we don’t see any church names listed in the articles we’ve looked at. Anyway, this one is especially fucking sick, and we didn’t want to read any more about this bastard.

136. [Tuscaloosa, Alabama](#). Sarah Huggins Logan, 35, a woman and a former teacher at the North River Christian Academy, arrested for alleged sexual misconduct with a student. She taught second grade, but it’s not clear what age the [female victim](#) is. The Roys Report explains that North River Christian Academy was started by the Open Door Baptist Church, originally as a daycare. [It’s now listed](#) as a ministry of New Beginning Family Worship Center, which describes itself on its website as an “independent, full gospel, and charismatic church.” Yeah, *one of those*.
137. [Wichita Falls, Texas](#). Paul Andrew Coleman, 69, a former pentecostal pastor, pleaded guilty to three of the child sex crimes he was under indictment for, as part of a plea deal. He was sentenced to two 30-year sentences and a 20-year one, all running concurrently. His victims were preteen girls at his church, Good Samaritan Outreach Ministries, which he founded and pastored. The church [hasn’t even taken](#) his big smiling picture off its Facebook page.
138. [The Roys Report](#) has the story of a lawsuit against The Dwelling Place megachurch in Anaheim, California, arising from allegations that “church officials enabled and concealed years of child sex abuse from a youth leader.” Isaiah Valdez filed the [lawsuit](#) against The Dwelling Place and also Vineyard USA, the evangelical network the church was previously affiliated with, claiming former youth group leader Ryan Doezie groomed and abused him over a period of years between 2006 and 2011. He says it happened to others too, and that he believes the organizations knew it. It’s a detailed lawsuit if you want to read it, and it goes through Vineyard USA’s history of scandals like these. “This problem is not just centralized in California but is rather a nationwide epidemic. [...] Vineyard USA has faced significant scrutiny over its handling of childhood sexual abuse and leadership misconduct within its network of churches.” That’s under the sub-headline “Vineyard USA’s Sordid History.” Of note, Vineyard USA featured in the very first edition of this tracking project, [back in January](#).
139. [Vatican City](#). Rev. Carlo Albert Capella, 58, is working in the Secretariat of State in the Holy See again, after serving three years in the Vatican’s little jail for possessing a *whole lot* of child pornography. Pope Francis was the one who approved his return to work. Pope Leo could tell him to fuck off.
140. [Catawba, Virginia](#). Jacob Ryan Barnett, 34, AKA “Pastor Jake,” arrested for allegedly pretending he was a teenage boy and convincing a young teen girl to trade lewd pictures with him. He was the Associate Pastor of Students & Mobilization at the Catawba Valley Baptist Church. (The original news article had his bio on the church website, but that’s been deleted.) Before that he was the children’s minister at a different Baptist church. [FaithStreet](#) says it’s Southern Baptist, but it’s not in the SBC directory, so I’m guessing it’s currently unaffiliated.
141. [Western North Carolina](#). Rev. Kyle Lynn Sigmon was arrested in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, for allegedly sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl. He’s a United Methodist

pastor, but apparently not currently serving a church. The last place he worked was the Faithbridge United Methodist Church in Blowing Rock, North Carolina.

142. [Baltimore, Maryland.](#) Thomas Pinkerton, 52, charged with 24 counts relating to sexually assaulting six young boys as young as 13 between 2006 and 2010. WBAL reports that one of the victims said that “when he kissed him, Pinkerton said that it was a ‘heavenly kiss’ and that’s how Jesus would greet his disciples.” Uh huh. He used to be a youth pastor at the Central Christian Church, and more recently had been living in Georgia, where there is reportedly another victim. If Central Christian is affiliated with a denomination [it’s incredibly hard to tell](#), so we’re just going to call it one of those BS conservative non-denominational evangelical churches and move on.
143. [Harris County, Texas.](#) Kevin Hartgrove, 45, arrested related to possession of “hundreds” of CSAM images. (That’s the technical term if you weren’t aware, and most aren’t, which is why I tend to veer toward the more colloquial description.) He was a church youth ministry volunteer, because of course he was. For whatever reason, the authorities aren’t identifying the church, but say they don’t have evidence his alleged crimes affected anyone there.
144. [Denver, Colorado/Jersey City, New Jersey.](#) Robert Anthony “Tony” Langston, 60, arrested for sexually assaulting two kids back in the late 1990s and thereabouts. Surprise, he was serving as a youth pastor. Langston was most recently the pastor of Tapestry Church in Jersey City, but these events allegedly happened when he was working at the Landmark Tabernacle-Denver. A close friend of one of the victims “told NJ Advance Media the victim was ‘very scared’ to report the abuse because ‘the church is very anti-homosexuality.’” How very on brand. Also on brand is that this fucker was charged with child sexual abuse in 2005 in Texas, but it got dismissed. *Because none of these sons of bitches is ever “redeemed,” you fucking loser conservative Christians.* Dude and his wife “evangelized” across the USA, so God knows how many victims he really has. Tapestry Church apparently has become a “division” (whatever that means) of something called [“Freedom Church,”](#) and describes itself as non-denominational and multicultural. So, you know, conservative evangelical shit. Meanwhile Landmark Tabernacle in Denver is some [Pentecostal shit](#).
145. [Smethport, Pennsylvania.](#) Daniel Merrick sentenced to four to eight years on mega child porn possession. [JoeMyGod](#) notes that Merrick had a televangelist show on the NOW Christian network, which also has a show by Donald Trump’s favorite charlatan televangelist Paula White. No church is listed in any of the reports, which is perhaps related to the fact that the [McKean County DA puts “pastor” in quotes](#) and seems to suggest this is how Merrick refers to *himself* these days. However, more digging [turns up reports](#) that suggest that when he was arrested in 2023, he was the pastor of a Messianic Jewish congregation called [Congregation Yahshua Messiah Gathering UCCMA](#). It should go without saying that Messianic “Judaism” is not real Judaism.
146. [Norlina, North Carolina.](#) Shelton Kelsey Burkart, age 30, arrested on child porn possession felony counts. He was a pastor at Zion Global Methodist Church, a church whose status is hard to suss out. It appears the church used to be affiliated with the United Methodists, but the [UMC lists it as closed](#). But the church does appear to still exist. So ... who the fuck knows?

147. [Tulsa, Oklahoma](#). Austin Sewell, a former intern at the Life.Church megachurch — which is apparently the [third largest megachurch](#) in the US — arrested for (surprise!) child porn possession. Life.Church (yes the period is supposed to be there) is one of those sprawling evangelical fuckers with 40 campuses and also a massive online following. Sewell's internship was at the Midtown Tulsa campus. Life.Church is part of the [Evangelical Covenant Church](#) denomination, which is, (surprise!) conservative. There's a lot more, it's gross, you don't want to read it.
148. [Middletown, Indiana](#). Bryan Crabtree, age 36. Sentenced to three years on Sexual Contact with a Minor and Child Solicitation charges. He was a youth pastor and a coach! He was affiliated with the Sulphur Springs Christian Church, which seems pretty nondenominational and full of Indiana white people.
149. [Embarrass, Minnesota](#). (It's called what?) Ryan Ross Denzer-Johnson, age 43, charged with sexually assaulting a child under 14. He was a math teacher at a couple of schools, but no longer. And of course he had worked in youth ministry. News reports don't say what kind of church or where.
150. [Irvine, California](#). Michael Robert Maxwell, 42. Arrested for sexually assaulting a child "multiple times over 10 years," per the Irvine PD. They say he was a "prominent staff member" of the Redeemer Church of Orange County in Newport Beach. Redeemer is part of the PCA, which as we have discussed previously is the largest and most prominent of the *Handmaid's Tale* conservative Presbyterian denominations. (Also the one in which this author grew up.) Also note that when you see "[Redeemer](#)" in a church name, you are *most likely* dealing with a specific network of PCA churches that like to set themselves up in COOL! city locations with COOL! pastors and leaders, they act like they have a "heart for the city," they try to downplay their fascist right-wing beliefs, but they are wolves in sheep's clothing who despise LGBTQ+ and women just as much as any other less COOL! fundamentalist Christian church out in East Buttfuck. Your city probably has a "Redeemer" or "Redeemer Pres." ACTIVITY: Look it up so you can warn people about it!
151. [Fairfax County, Virginia](#). David Mark Sabin, 38, arrested in a *To Catch A Predator*-style thing, trying to hook up with somebody he thought was 14. Surprise, Sabin used to teach at a Christian school, specifically Oak Hill Christian School in McNair, which is a member of the [Association of Classical and Christian Schools](#). This is a whole movement of allegedly intellectual conservative Christians who value [classical things in education](#). Very traditional, they seek to "restore an era of great Christian learning and teaching," per the school's website. Yeah, they're wankers. Hey, you know who founded the ACCS? Hahahahahahahahaha you're gonna die laughing, it was DOUG WILSON, [Pervert Pete Hegseth's pervert religious guru!](#)
152. [Las Vegas, Nevada](#). Neal Creecy was the founder and senior pastor of [Redemption Church](#), but he isn't anymore, because he quit after he got caught trying to lure a child so he could sexually abuse them. Creepy I mean Creecy found his attempted victim on the gay hookup app Sniffies. He went to Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tennessee, and was also co-founder and vice president of Global Church Planting Partners, a mission organization that is not denominationally affiliated. The church says it affirms the 2000 Baptist

Faith and Message, and appears to be affiliated with the Southern Nevada Baptist Association, whatever TF that is.

153. [Clintonville, Wisconsin](#). Andrew Showers, 37, a priest from Madison, arrested for trying to meet somebody he thought was a 14-year-old girl in Clintonville. He [brought Viagra](#) with him. Catholic, obviously.
154. [Kernersville, North Carolina](#). Brett Martin Kitko, 50. Arrested and charged with raping a child. He was the senior pastor of the Phoenix Church at Century Park in Kernersville, which Google's little doohickey says is "permanently closed," but [here's the website right here](#), which still lists old Brett and his funny goodtime church guy bio. The church was/is non-denominational evangelical blah blah blah.
155. [Midland, Michigan](#). James Randolph, 59, has been convicted of sexually abusing a little girl when she was a child under 13. He was the head of youth ministries "for decades" at the Living Word Church. Oh, but they already knew about him, because in 1985 he raped a 15-year-old girl with developmental disabilities and pleaded guilty to it. But he just got to keep being the youth minister. Apparently this case is part of a bigger investigation into sex crimes at Living Word. [WSGW in Saginaw reports](#): "In 2023, Brandon Saylor, a former church volunteer and son of associate pastor Randy Saylor, was sentenced to 5 – 15 years in prison for sexually abusing children under 13 and is required to register as a lifetime sex offender. Randy Saylor, 71, a former associate pastor, is also facing multiple counts of criminal sexual conduct involving minors, with a trial set to begin in September." Should we count this as three separate entries? The website says Living Word is "non-denominational and spirit-filled," but it sounds like it's filled with something else. Also describes itself as a "Book of Acts" church and part of the [Word of Faith charismatic movement](#).
156. [Washington, Utah](#). Oh look, a Mormon. Joseph Brent Walker, who wrote for Deseret News and had a syndicated column called ValueSpeak about, *obviously*, "traditional values," well gosh and golly, Elder Cunningham, he got arrested for trying to meet up with and fuck a 14-year-old girl child. (He is 70.) Turns out it was a detective. Anyway, [he also used to be](#) a Mormon bishop.
157. [Houston, Texas](#). A judge had to smack down the Assemblies of God denomination for its failures to cooperate in an investigation into a man named Daniel Savala, now 67, who was heavily involved with Chi Alpha, the college ministry for the pentecostal denomination. They said he was the "holiest man alive." They sent *so many kids* to him, even after he had been found guilty of sexually abusing kids. "In signed statements, lawsuits and criminal filings, at least 10 men and boys have accused Savala of sexually abusing them, many at his Houston home and in his backyard sauna. [An NBC News investigation revealed last month](#) that senior Assemblies of God officials were warned repeatedly about the danger Savala posed but failed to cut off his influence, allowing more teens and young men to be abused." You may read much more at that link and [also here](#). And then there's [this story about the Assemblies of God protecting predators overall](#).
158. [Binghamton, New York](#). Ronald Wenzinger, 70. Arrested in one of those online child sex stings for attempted rape. He was a reverend at the Harpursville United Methodist Church. One

of the rare appearances of a mainline non-conservative denomination on this list. There are child-abusing creeps everywhere. It's just that there are certain places — conservative Christian churches, Republican party gatherings — that are MUCH MORE LIKELY to be full of child-abusing creeps.

159. [Gainesville, Florida](#). Assemblies of God pastor Mark Vega is not the perp in this case, he was just charged with covering up child sexual abuse at his church, Ignite Life Ministries. “The criminal filing follows years of sex abuse and cover-up allegations at a school and youth camp run by Ignite Life Center, which is affiliated with the Assemblies of God, the world’s largest Pentecostal denomination.” NBC News notes that in 2023, three “youth leaders” had been charged with sexually abusing kids, and one of them is Mark Vega’s son. Vega reportedly started finding out about all this in 2019. Fun fact, Mark Vega was also the chaplain for the New York Yankees. Much more at the link about this, and about all the Assemblies of God’s issues with covering up child rape.
160. [New York, Mexico, California ...](#) Naasón Joaquín García, 56, indicted on racketeering and child sex trafficking charges, including creating child sex abuse material. Joaquín García is already in prison in Chino, California, already doing time on related state charges there including child rape. He’s the head of a Mexico-based, *extreme* conservative evangelical megachurch called La Luz del Mundo, or The Light of the World. His followers consider him an “apostle,” and according to the indictment he taught that doubting him was considered a damnable sin. Convenient. [Even more here](#).
161. [Frisco, Texas](#). John McKinzie, the lead pastor of the [Hope Fellowship](#) nondenominational network of evangelical bullshit megachurch congregations, has resigned. Why? “Sexual sin and moral failure.” The church swears whatever it was, it was consensual. But we’re including it because earlier this year, the Frisco West campus of the same fucking church fired its student pastor Jerry Nickerson, because THAT guy had confessed to “inappropriate contact with a minor” (better known as sexual abuse of a minor) when he worked at ANOTHER church. McKinzie had to explain all this to parishioners, and now look at him.
162. [Baltimore County, Maryland](#). Kevin Guy sentenced to seven years for sexually abusing young boys. Young boys where? In the youth group he led as youth group pastor at Metro Maryland Youth for Christ. Sometimes he did it at church, sometimes he did it at Taco Bell nearby. Youth For Christ [explains on its website](#) that it’s an organization that “pursue[s] 11-19 year olds who are walking through pivotal, story shaping moments; like navigating a new school, becoming a teen parent, spending time in a juvenile institution or simply enduring the culture of social media.” Yeah we bet. Youth For Christ USA is one of those non-denominational evangelical outfits, and its first full-time staff member back in the day was Billy Graham. Huh.
163. [Riverside, California/Bucharest, Romania](#). Two now-adult Romanian men suing Paul Havsgaard, former pastor at Harvest Christian Fellowship Riverside, for sexually abusing them and many other kids at the shelter they ran in Romania. Also named: Greg Laurie, founder and senior pastor of Harvest Riverside, [Harvest Crusades](#) leader, and [total fucking MAGA creep](#) and [Trump Jesus cultist](#), plus other Harvest leaders, for neglecting to prevent it, despite one million red flags. Harvest Christian fellowship is a bullshit evangelical non-denominational network of

churches that holds affiliations with Calvary Chapel and the Southern Baptist Convention, which is [quite literally the star of this list](#). More at the [Roys Report](#).

164. [Harris County, Texas](#). Nathan Wayne Walker, arrested for child porn possession. He was the youth pastor at Crossbridge Christian Church, a nondenominational evangelical house of bullshit.
165. [Delray Beach, Florida](#). Levi Cash, 64, was arrested for allegedly trying to solicit someone he thought was a 14-year-old boy for sex. He was caught in a non-police-sponsored “citizen sting,” which are questionable to say the least, but right-wingers love them, because it satisfies their psychological needs. This may be the first time a Jewish faith leader has appeared on this list. From the report: “Upon doing a check of Cash online, it was learned that Cash claims to be a Kosher Supervisor for the Orthodox Rabbinical Counsel (sic) of Broward and is a professional Development and teacher coach at Catapult Learning,” the report states. “In Cash’s job description, it states that Cash has a strong focus on tutoring K-12 and supporting students with learning disabilities.” He ain’t on that Orthodox Rabbinical Council [website](#) right now, that’s for sure. I will note, though, that while this may be the first appearance of a Jewish alleged perp on the list, that it is of course Orthodox. Did we expect it *not* to be from the conservative (little “c”) side of the religion?
166. [Leon County, Florida](#). Terrance Booker, 40. Accused of molesting multiple teenage boys. He was a “local church youth director” at the [Life Changers Church of God in Christ \(COGIC\)](#) in Tallahassee, and also used to work at an elementary school. COGIC is at the intersection of the Pentecostal/Holiness traditions and historically Black churches in the US.
167. [Nampa, Idaho](#). Matthew Stephen Masiewicz, 53, arrested on all kinds of child porn charges. He was the head pastor at Sovereign Grace Fellowship, which the news describes as a “reformed Evangelical Christian” congregation. Remember what “reformed” means when you see it. Think of leaders like Doug Wilson, and notable adherents like Pete Hegseth and Josh Hawley. (As with “Redeemer,” the clue to this church’s beliefs is in its name “Sovereign Grace,” suggesting beliefs about predestination and lack of free will.) This church is [technically non-denominational](#), and is different from your more traditionally Presbyterian Reformed churches in that it baptizes adults, not babies.
168. [Brooksville, Florida](#). (Lots of Florida in this update, as usual.) Jordan Williams, 28, great big child pornography charges, and also, um, “one count of possessing a child-like sex doll.” So that’s a twist. He worked with the youth at the VineLife Church, reportedly as a volunteer. Part of the evangelical Vineyard movement, which has shown up a couple times on this list.
169. [Independence, Missouri](#). Virgil Marsh, 74, sentenced to 10 years for “child molestation and sodomy” stemming from events a decade ago. One of those aggravating stories where none of the news reports mention what church.
170. [Conroe, Texas](#). Jon Paul Sheptock, 49, an East Texas worship leader [with no arms](#) (you read that correctly), arrested on all kinds of child pornography charges. He was a leader at the First Montgomery Baptist Church in Montgomery, a Southern Baptist congregation. Sheptock may not have arms, but he [LOVES Donald Trump](#). He sang at a Trump rally in 2022, and he’s been

involved in worship music for decades. His Facebook profile pic used to be of him and Donald Trump. Guess he's probably not too broken up about all the news of Trump and Jeffrey Epstein.

171. [Hayes, Virginia](#). Zachary Thomas Ramaglino, arrested on 20 child porn charges. He used to work with the young adult student ministry at the Union Baptist Church. Now get this, but at the same church, a 76-year-old man, a former deacon, was arrested for filming *thousands* of men in men's restrooms in Colonial Williamsburg over the course of three decades or so. He doesn't get his own entry on this list, because this list is about the gabillions of conservative Christians who specifically accuse children. If we opened it up to sex crimes in general? Fuck, I'd have to hire a team of researchers. (Probably need to now. Upgrade those subscriptions to paid to help!) Anyway, Union Baptist is a Southern Baptist congregation.
172. [Elkins, West Virginia](#). Kevin Curtis Jones, 33, charged with trying to solicit a minor. Jones was the pastor of the Summit Church, and that's reportedly where he found his victim. Nondenominational evangelical house of bullshit. [Here is Kevin Curtis Jones wearing a Ch*rlie K*rk t-shirt](#) while preaching.
173. [Birmingham, Alabama](#). Taylor Michael Ward, 34, arrested on all kinds of child porn possession. He was a computer technology director at the Briarwood Christian School, which is affiliated with the Briarwood Presbyterian Church, which is one of the biggest and richest and most influential *Handmaid's Tale* Presbyterian churches in the entire PCA. (I have never attended Briarwood, but as a former congregant and employee of another big and rich and influential PCA church, I know *more than several* who have, people who grew up there, even people who were on staff there.) They say he wasn't a member of the church, and of course has been terminated from the school.
174. [MIKE JOHNSON'S FAVORITE NO-PORNING SOFTWARE COVENANT EYES STORY!](#) Where every month is No-Nut-November! OK, so Ron DeHaas founded Covenant Eyes, the software where Christian men like Mike Johnson and his son can monitor each other's masturbation/porn-viewing habits for the glory of God. (And in order to inflict control and shame upon innocent Christian youths, though I imagine DeHaas wouldn't speak so accurately about it.) DeHaas's *stepson* Thomas Wideman, 38, was arrested in August in Grand Rapids, Michigan, trying to meet somebody he thought was a 14-year-old girl for sex. Cops also found he had child porn on his phone. Because it's always the people you most expect. [DeHaas is an elder](#) at the Community Church in Owosso, Michigan, which is a congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, another one of the *Handmaid's Tale* Presbyterian offshoots.
175. [Roseville, Minnesota](#). Drew Brooks, 67, arrested on child porn possession charges. Brooks used to lead a "faith-based" addiction org in the Twin Cities area called Faith Partners.
176. [New Orleans, Louisiana](#). Mark Ford, 65, arrested for serial child rape, of a disabled child. Former Catholic priest.
177. [Greenville County, South Carolina](#). Daniel Kellan Mayfield sentenced for "thousands" of child porn images. "He hid cameras and cell phones in church bathrooms and showers to record and take pictures of the victims, many of whom were minors under 12 years old." You know,

because he was a youth pastor at the Gowensville Baptist Church, a Southern Baptist congregation.

178. [Phoenix, Arizona](#). Casey Goslin, 46, arrested on charges related to trying to produce child pornography/CSAM, as well as possession. He was in youth ministry at the Grand Canyon Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Another rare instance where they're affiliated with a non-conservative church.
179. [Houston, Texas](#). Robert Carter sentenced to 40 years for child rape. It was a family member. It started when she was seven. He fathered a child through the abuse when she was 14. He was the pastor at the Greater Bible Way Church in Sunnyside, Texas, which is very hard to pin down on the internet now.
180. [Santa Ana, California](#). Carlos Ramirez Valdez, 61, sentenced to 45 to life for assaulting three young girls ages four to 10. He was the pastor of the Iglesia De Dios Ebenezer Church from 2012 to 2019, and that's when the crimes happened. Then he went and pastored another church. Not entirely clear what kind of church we're dealing with, but it's probably safe to say it's Spanish-speaking and evangelical.
181. [Rochester, Washington](#). Kevin Mills, a Canadian former pastor and gospel singer, sentenced to prison on charges related to sexually assaulting a child. He used to be associate pastor at the Prairie Community Church in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, which his family founded, but he made this confession to a pastor at Rochester Life Assembly of God in Rochester, Washington, who didn't feel the need to report it, apparently. Mills had been based there more recently. Anyway, sounds like some more Assembly of God and/or pentecostal shit.
182. [Long Beach, California](#). Jeffrey Williams Zabel, arrested for looking at tons of child porn/CSAM for the last decade. He was the worship pastor at the Arbor Road Church (ARC) and also taught music at the church affiliated Lakewood Christian Schools (LCS). Arbor Road appears to be a nondenominational evangelical house of bullshit, but was founded originally as a Baptist church.
183. [Fairfield, Illinois](#). Chet Snyder, charged with several sexual assault crimes, including one of an underage boy. Snyder is/was a pastor at the Journey Church and a community college volleyball coach. Some kind of [nondenominational evangelical house of bullshit](#) if its Facebook page is any indication.
184. [Lubbock, Texas](#). Jeremy Scott Maxfield, charged with sexually assaulting more than one child over the course of years. He was a youth pastor in Amherst, Texas, and a teacher at Lubbock High School. Sounds like people in the area pretty much knew dude was a creeper. What church he served at is unclear from reports.
185. [Dyer, Indiana](#). Oh look, here comes REFORMED again! The top fundraiser for the Mid-America REFORMED Seminary in Dyer, Indiana — which prepares little REFORMED theology students to be pastors at *Handmaid's Tale* Presbyterian and REFORMED churches, has been charged for child porn distribution crimes. Michael Deckinga, 41, was the vice president for advancement at the seminary. The Roys Report says Deckinga has also been affiliated with the

Lynwood United Reformed Church in Lynwood, Illinois, which is part of the [United Reformed Churches in North America](#).

186. [Thompsontown, Pennsylvania](#). Daniel “Danny” Reed, 51. Charged with possession and creation of CSAM, which he made with hidden cameras in a girls’ bathroom. He was the youth director at Central Pennsylvania Youth Ministries Juniata County, and apparently has been working in youth ministry since the early 1990s. He was additionally accused of grooming and having a sexual relationship with a teen when she was between 14 and 17. Not sure what kinds of affiliations the CPYM has, but it’s definitely some [conservative Christian bullshit](#).

187. The Mormon church is facing a lawsuit for failing to report the sexual abuse of a five-year-old child. All the details on that are at the [Preacher Boys Podcast](#), who I must reach out to one of these days and talk to them about the great work they’re doing.

188. Geneva, Illinois. A man is suing the Chapelstreet Church — evangelical, megachurch, multi-campus deal which used to be called First Baptist Church of Geneva — for ignoring the fact that an employee had a history of abusing children, which subsequently led to that employee abusing kids at the church. [Read all about that one at the Roys Report](#), because I am tired of typing.