

Pastors & Directors - Allan Taylor



Allan Taylor formerly served as the Director of Sunday School and Church Education Ministry at Lifeway Christian Resources where he provided training and assistance to churches and Ministers of Education across the country. Allan also served 20 years as Minister of Education at First Baptist Church Woodstock, Georgia. Under his leadership, the Sunday School attendance grew from 2500-5800. He also served at London Bridge Baptist Church in Virginia Beach and Beaver Dam Baptist Church in Knoxville. Before surrendering to full-time ministry, Allan was a high school football coach. He has authored three books and three Sunday School DVD series. He and his wife, Linda, have three children and three grandchildren.

Celebration Event Speaker - Dr. Sonny Tucker

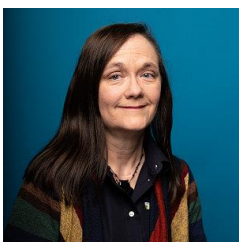
Executive Director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention



Leading in this position since 2013, Dr. Tucker has extensive pastoral experience in Arkansas churches. Prior to joining the ABSC staff, he pastored churches in Monticello, West Helena, Fair Oaks and Sparkman. Dr. Tucker received a Master of Divinity degree from Mid-America in 1992 and completed a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in 1998. He and his wife are members of First Baptist Church in Benton and have two grown children, Megan and Curt.

Preschool – Leah Jo Wilson

Preschool & Children's Ministry Consultant, ABSC



Leah Jo Wilson serves as the Preschool and Children's Ministry Consultant for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. She served on staff in churches in Arkansas for 14 years before joining the ABSC team in 2010. Her heart's desire is to lead preschoolers and children in discovering the love of God. Leah Jo also teaches babies – PreK at a Christian daycare in Little Rock. When she is not teaching or serving AR Baptist churches, she loves spending time with family and her grandchildren.

Children - Emily Smith

Children's Ministry Specialist, ABSC



Emily Smith serves as the Children's Specialist on the Evangelism and Church Health Team for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Emily has served on convention staff with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, church staff in Arkansas and faith-based organizations in AR and TX. She has a passion for serving churches in the area of kids ministry and safeguarding minors. Emily and her husband, Wayne, enjoy exploring our great state with their two boys.



Students - Dr. Daniel Johnson

Student Pastor at 1st Baptist Dover

Daniel joined the FBC Dover staff in 2006. He has an A.A. in General Studies from Arkansas Tech University, a B.A. in Biblical Studies from Ouachita Baptist University, a M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a D. Min. from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He serves on the Super Summer Arkansas Leadership Team and the Super Winter Leadership Team.

Adults - Ben South,

Associate Pastor - Education & Missions at Central Baptist Church, Conway



Ben joined Central in 1996 as a college student and joined the staff in December 2001. Ben is a graduate of Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas with a major in Pastoral Ministry and Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Virginia, with a Masters in Christian Leadership. He completed his doctoral studies with an emphasis in Administration and Servant Leadership at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Sr. Adults - Dr. Freddie Pike

CBC. Conway



"Dr. Pike is a former director of the ABSC Sunday School Department and has led multiple conferences across the SBC. He is currently a senior adult teacher at Central Church, Conway."

Virtual/Hybrid Small Group Ministry



Terry Atwell

Terry is 68 years old, has been married to his wife for 50 years, having two children and 5 grandchildren. He worked in the woods for 19 years, 14 of those as a logging contractor. At 37 he started college, earned a BS degree in Occupational Therapy and worked at Baptist Health for 22 years retiring 6 years ago. He has been teaching Sunday School most of the last 45 years... and loves it!



Blake Wilson

Blake is the tech guy for Central Baptist church in Conway and helps set up and run all things 'digital. He and Terry Atwell have developed a virtual/hybrid Sunday School model that can work for almost any size class and which has spun off other class ministry opportunities. Blake can answer any questions about options, costs and installation.

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy spirit, **teaching them** to observe all I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:19-20