



Why Pastors Get Fired

A new report on the forced terminations of pastors in Southern Baptist Churches (down 27 percent in the latest findings, but that did not include numbers from four states) included a more telling list: reasons churches give for firing the pastor.

- 10. conflict with other staff*
- 9. sexual misconduct*
- 8. administrative incompetence*
- 7. weak leadership style*
- 6. decline in attendance*
- 5. conflict pre-dating the pastor's arrival*
- 4. too strong leadership style*
- 3. poor people skills*

2. church's resistance to change

And the top reason (the same since the surveys began in 1996):

1. control issues.

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