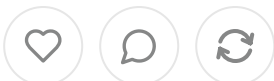


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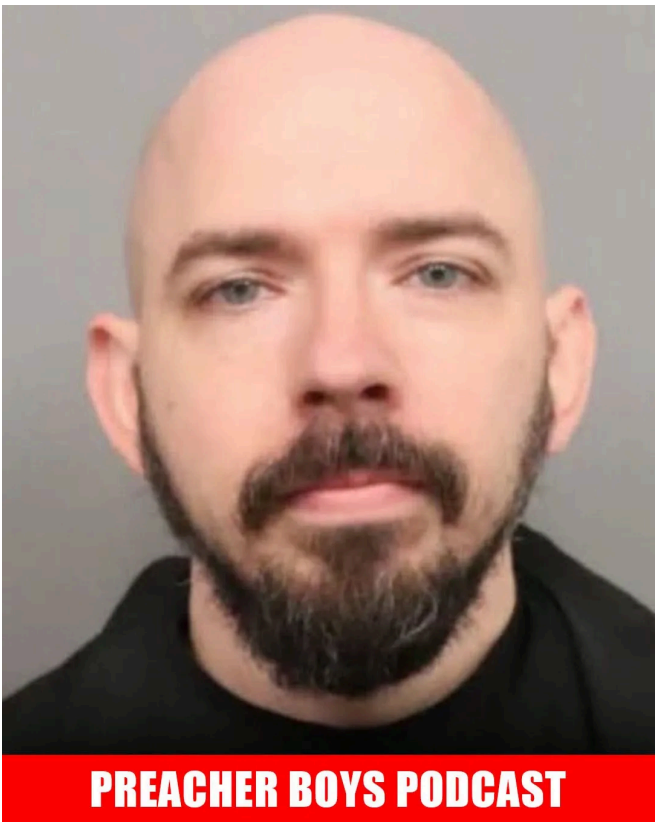


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Another Bob Jones University Employee Arrested

35-year-old Samuel Edgar Stephens was arrested by the Greenville County Sheriff’s Office and charged with one count of third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor—a felony that carries up to 10 years in prison.¹



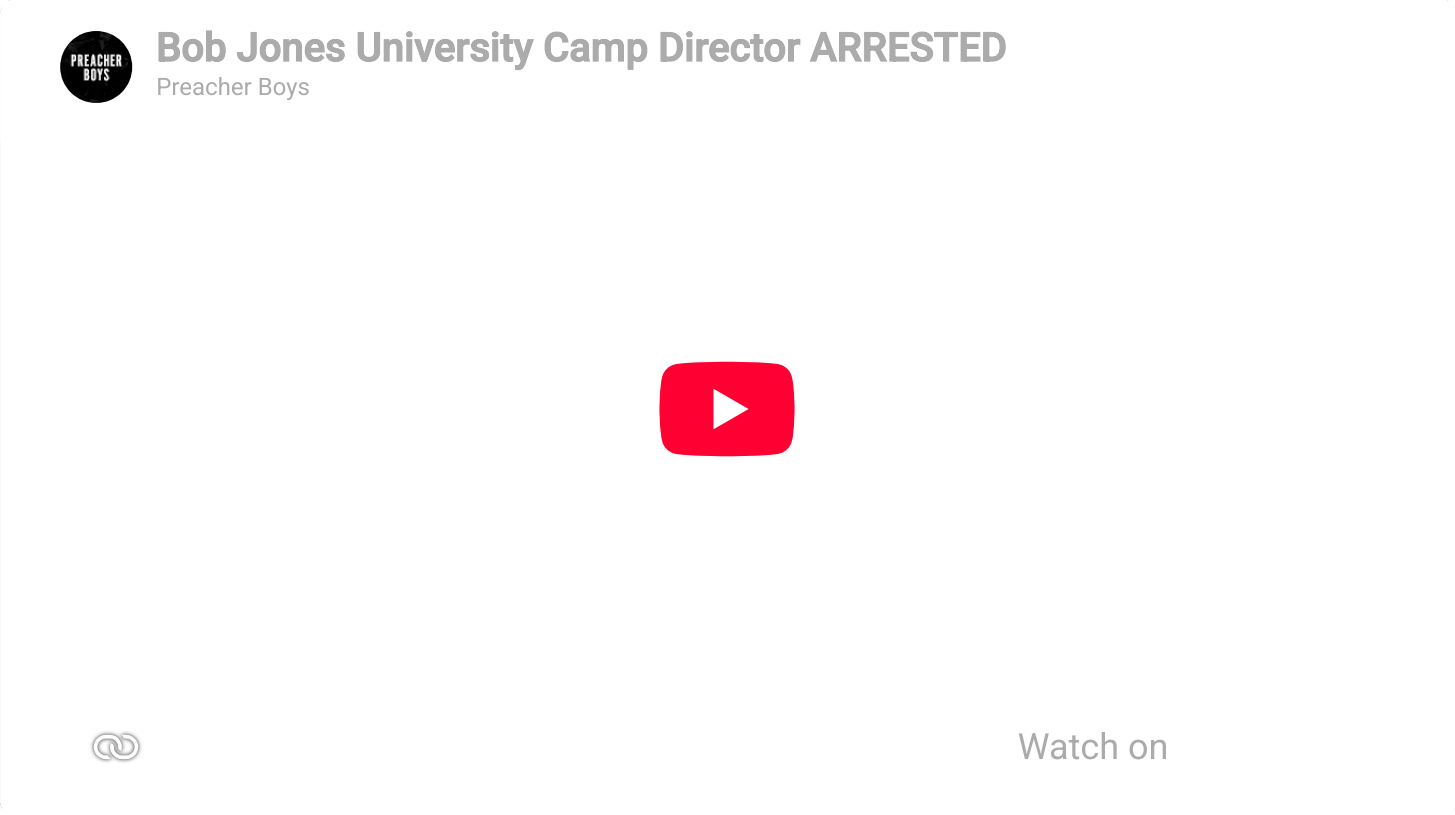
The investigation began with a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and was passed along to the state’s Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Investigators say he possessed files of child sexual abuse material.

At the time of his arrest, he was an employee at Bob Jones University.

Fox Carolina said he was employed as IT support, but WSPA more specifically described his role as an “Academic Technology Specialist.”²

A BJU spokesperson told 7News that Stephens was placed on unpaid suspension pending the outcome of the investigation. BJU also said the university found no indication that Stephens’ duties involved unsupervised contact with minors, and is cooperating with law enforcement.³

For those of you who’ve been listening for a while, you might know that this is not the first Bob Jones case I’ve covered on the show. It was just last year, in the summer of 2025, that I reported on Steven Kopp. He is the former director of BJU’s EDUCamp summer program, and he ran the camp from 2018 to early 2024.



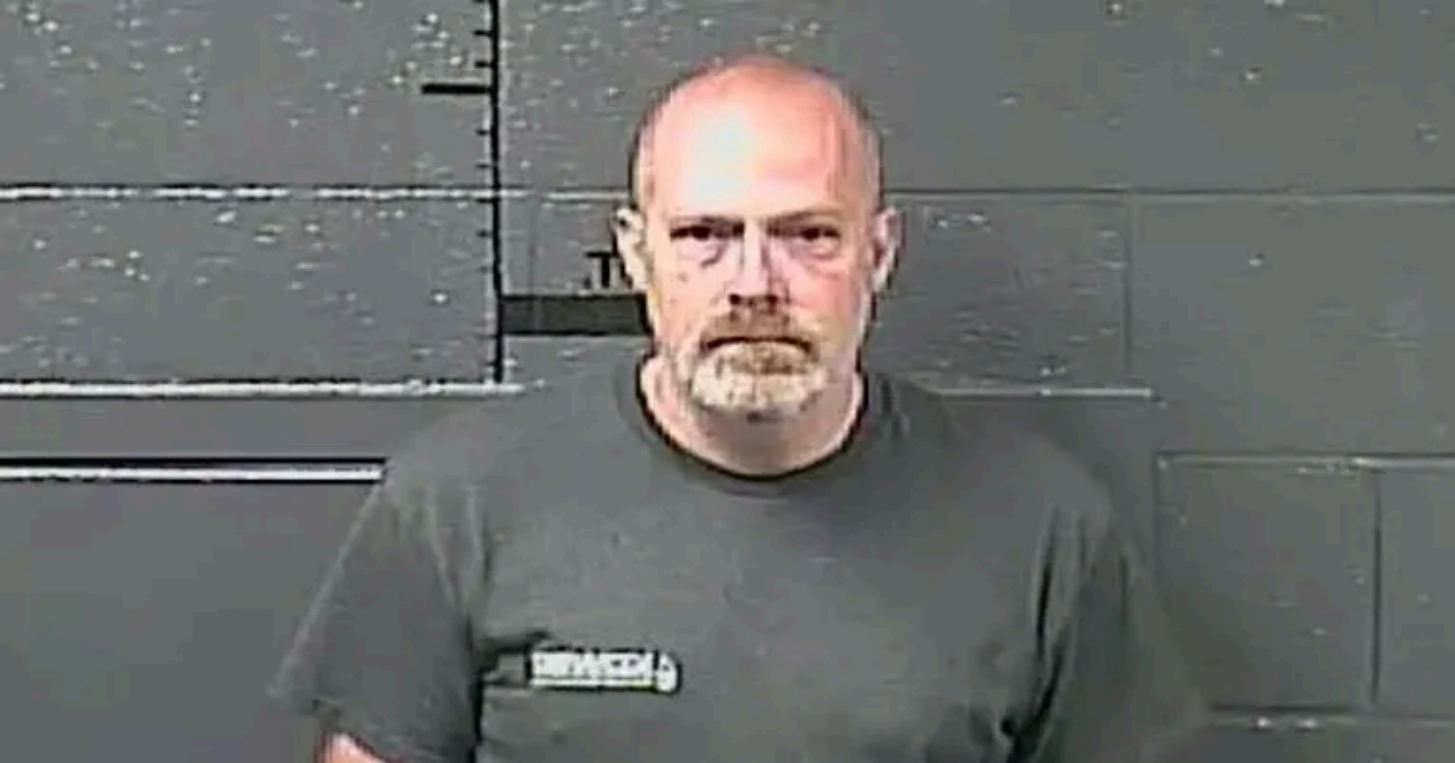
Fox Carolina reported Kopp was arrested in April 2024 for second-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor, with the warrant alleging multiple sex acts with a 15-year-old between November 2023 and February 2024, while the victim was allegedly under his guardianship. He was released the same day on a \$25,000 bond.

As I said in that episode, BJU gave a similar statement, saying that since the alleged crimes were not alleged to have occurred on campus or to have been related to his employment, they do not fall within the annual higher education reporting requirements established by federal law.

Pastor Was Uploading AI-Generated CSAM to His Social Media

Jared Salmons, the pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church in Cornettsville, Kentucky, was arrested by Kentucky State Police following an undercover Internet Crimes Against Children investigation.

He’s charged with 17 counts of distributing matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor under 12, which is a Class C felony, punishable by five to 10 years in prison.



According to a KSP press release, the KSP Electronic Crime Branch began the investigation after discovering the suspect uploading sexually explicit images of juveniles to one of his social media accounts.

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KENTUCKY STATE POLICE CHARGES KNOTT COUNTY MAN WITH CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OFFENSES

HINDMAN, Ky. (October 14, 2026) – On October 13, 2026, at approximately 3:14 p.m., the Kentucky State Police (KSP) Electronic Crime Branch located and arrested Jared Oneil Salmons, 46, on charges related to a child sexual abuse material investigation.

Salmons was located, interviewed and arrested as the result of an undercover Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) investigation. The KSP Electronic Crime Branch began the investigation after discovering the suspect uploading sexually explicit images of juveniles to one of his social media accounts.

The investigation resulted in executing a search warrant at a residence in Leburn, KY on October 13, 2026. Equipment used to facilitate the crime was seized and taken to KSP's forensic laboratory for examination. The investigation is still ongoing.

Jared Salmons is currently charged with 17 counts of distributing matter portraying a minor under the age of 12 in a sexual performance. Distributing matter portraying a minor under the age of 12 in a sexual performance is a Class-C felony and is punishable by 5-10 years in prison. Mr. Salmons was lodged in the Kentucky River Regional Jail.

The Kentucky Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force is comprised of more than twenty-six local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The mission of the ICAC Task Force, created by the United States Department of Justice and administered by the Kentucky State Police, is to assist state and local law enforcement agencies in developing a response to cyber enticement and child sexual abuse material investigations. This support encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, prevention, and community education. The ICAC program was developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the internet, the proliferation of child sexual abuse material, and the heightened online activity of predators searching for unsupervised contact with underage victims.

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Per the arrest citation, Salmons admitted during an interview with police to creating AI-generated images and acknowledged owning the email account associated with the alleged illegal activity.

State troopers executed a search warrant at his residence in Leburn, seized his devices, and sent them to KSP’s forensic lab. He was moved to the Kentucky River Regional Jail on a \$50,000 cash bond.

Knott County Judge-Executive Jeff Dobson gave WYMT a statement.⁴ In it he said: “Most importantly, my heart absolutely breaks for the children and families affected by these disturbing allegations.” Later in that same statement, he said: “Let me be clear: The safety and well-being of our children must always come first. There is absolutely no place in our community for anyone who would harm or take advantage of a child.”

A spokesperson for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, which is the organization this church is a part of, made a statement that said: “The KBC takes seriously the physical, spiritual, and emotional safety of all who attend our affiliate churches, and this news is deeply troubling. As this case makes its way through the judicial system, we ask Kentucky Baptists to pray for the church and for all the individuals and families who may be involved, and that justice is served.”

Lawrence Smith, communications director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, said the organization is aware of the arrest and charges.

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The KBC said it had not been advised of Salmons’s status with Mount Olivet, the church in question, as of publication.⁵

Salmon’s was also serving as general manager of the Knott County Water and Sewer District, and the district’s board fired him following his arrest.⁶

Christian School Teacher and Softball Coach Accused of Sexually Exploiting a Minor

Katie McDevitt, a teacher and softball coach at Loganville Christian Academy in Walton County, Georgia was recently booked into the Walton County Jail and charged with sexual exploitation of a minor.



Details surrounding what led to the arrest remain unclear, and 11Alive reported that it had reached out to the Walton County Sheriff's Office for more information. [Z](#)

The school said it was notified of the investigation on or about September 24th, and placed McDevitt on administrative leave immediately—roughly three weeks before the actual booking.

According to a statement from LCA: “We recognize the seriousness of these allegations and understand the concern this news may cause among our school families and the broader community. Importantly, based on the information available to us at this time, we are not aware of any allegations involving students enrolled at Loganville Christian Academy.”

The statement continued: “Out of respect for the investigation, LCA will not comment further on the specific allegations at this time. We will continue to cooperate with law enforcement as appropriate and communicate relevant information to our school community as circumstances warrant.”

Pastor and Baseball Coach Purchased CSAM for \$50, Said He “Prefers 10-Year-Olds”



Claud Greenlee was senior pastor at Tri-County Christian Church in Middletown, Indiana, and also a middle school and high school teacher at Liberty Christian School in Anderson. He also worked as a coach for a baseball team.

An investigation into Greenlee began July 10th, 2024, after a tip about sexual images of children being shared on an app.

Police examined his Kik account and found conversations in which he asked other users for child sexual abuse material, and admitted purchasing it for \$50.

In those chats, he told others he was a varsity baseball coach and taught middle and high school.

According to court documents, Greenlee said in chat messages that he prefers children around the age of 10. [8](#)

Police served a search warrant at Liberty Christian School on July 25th, 2024, and at his home. He was released from the Madison County Jail on a \$25,000 bond.

A parent from the school, Levi Albea, withdrew his kids around this time and said that Greenlee “was involved in every aspect of the school.” ²

As of October 2026, there was a major update in this case. A jury convicted Greenlee on three felony counts of possession of child pornography after a three-day trial that concluded October 15th, 2026. Sentencing is scheduled for November 18th at 8:30 a.m., where he faces up to 8.5 years in prison. ¹⁰

Police say Greenlee admitted to looking at “child erotica” and said he has seen photos or videos of prepubescent children. He denied owning the Kik account at trial, but the jury convicted him regardless.

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