

**FBCK CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING 2019-2020**  
**OPENING EXERCISE**

This is an excerpt from a blog that calls out serial child abuse and other predatory behavior among clergy and church leaders. Please read it and then consider the questions below.

**This excerpt is fabricated and intended only for training purposes. However, it is representative of material that can be found on several blogs, including Watch Keep, The Wartburg Watch, and Stop Baptist Predators.**

Posted 2019-08-14:

He's back! A known pedophile has resurfaced on the staff of [*Church A*]. I won't mention his name here, but he's the same guy that got into trouble at several churches in the Pacific Northwest a few years ago. The first time was at [*first church*], where he was accused of molestation. Church leaders refused to cooperate with prosecutors, and charges were eventually dropped. [*First church*] allowed him to resign, and he jumped over to [*second church*]. When rumors started there, he church-hopped over to [*third church*]. They covered up for him even when they learned what he was doing. I know, because I was one of his victims. The church tried to convince my family not to say anything. We went to the police, but there wasn't enough evidence for prosecutors to act. He "confessed his sins" to the church, they gave him a standing ovation for being so brave, and they wouldn't have anything to do with me or my family because we were troublemakers. I don't know why [*Church A*] would have him on their staff, but I think everybody should be aware of who he is and what he has done in the past.

Questions to consider:

1. If you were a teacher or leader in *Church A*, how would you react to the blog?
2. If you were a member of *Church A* (but not in a teaching or leadership position), how would you react to the blog?
3. If you were someone considering visiting *Church A*, how would you react to the blog?
4. What actions (if any) should *Church A* take?