

## Violence on Church Campuses

The number of violent episodes on church campus continues to rise and with it the growing debate on what and how churches should prepare themselves to respond.

Recently, the state of Mississippi established a law that allows specially trained churchgoers to carry concealed firearms on campus. The Mississippi Church Protection Act is intended to enable churches to establish a security program that will allow them to more quickly and effectively respond to incidents of violence on their campus. Whatever your thoughts on the issue, there can be no denying that churches in America today need to take a long and hard look at how they can better protect people who come on to their campus from acts of violence. To help you consider the issue we recently pulled together links to a number of articles and websites. We recommend you consider these (and other resources you may discover on your own) to assist you in developing and implementing a thoughtful response to this issue for your church or ministry.

<https://www.fellowshipone.com/resources/church-management/7-essentials-for-church-security/>

[http://enrichmentjournal.ag.org/200901/200901\\_126\\_ch\\_security.cfm](http://enrichmentjournal.ag.org/200901/200901_126_ch_security.cfm)

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/07/07/churches-boost-security-as-violent-incidents-grow/2495241/>

<http://newsok.com/article/5498659>

<http://www.securityatchurch.com/p/about-me.html>

<http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2013/january/deaths-from-church-attacks-in-us-rise-36-percent-/?mobile=false>

<http://www.carlchinn.com/>

<http://churchsecurityconsultant.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/DaleAnnis-E-Book032011.pdf>

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