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### **Biographical Information:**

Mike Griffin is a native Georgian. He was born in the southern part of the state in Thomasville. He graduated from Thomas County Central High School in 1978. He earned his undergraduate degree at The Baptist College of Florida in Graceville, Florida, in 1984.

Since 1992, Mike and his family have enjoyed living in Hartwell, Georgia. Mike and Liza have been married since 1978 and have four children and five grandchildren.

Mike serves as the senior pastor of Liberty Baptist Church in Hartwell, Georgia. Liberty Baptist is a new church that began in 1998 under Mike's leadership. Mike has been a Southern Baptist pastor since 1984 and has pastored four churches in Georgia.

In 2006 Mike ran as the Republican candidate for Georgia State Representative in the 29th District against a Democrat incumbent. After his run for state office, Mike represented Georgia Right to Life at the State Capitol and served as the organization's State Field Director for eight years. Mike has also served in the past as Vice President of Georgia Right to Life.

In April, 2010 Mike was considered to be one of Georgia's top 50 "most influential" Republicans at the state Capitol. The AJC article: "Georgia Influencers" ranked Mike at #11 among Republicans with the most influence at the Capitol.

In January 2014, Mike accepted a position with the Georgia Baptist Mission Board as its new Public Affairs Representative. His duties include lobbying at the state Capitol, reporting to the media on Georgia Baptist concerns and speaking on moral and religious liberty issues around the state.