

ABATECH

TECHNICAL RESOURCES

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Personal News: If you have followed our story, you know that we were taken advantage of by a contractor hired to build our house in early 2022. Since then, we've been paying interest-only on a construction loan for money that was stolen from us by that contractor who is now in prison for an unrelated offense. We've been unable to get a mortgage because the title company can't guarantee a clear title due to the issues with the contractor. In the meantime, interest rates have risen, as has our payment, but God has provided! We were recently given a personal loan in the amount needed to pay off the construction loan at the bank. This loan is at a lower interest rate than the bank rate was, and allows us to pay down principle like a typical mortgage. The title company believes that in 2025 we can get the issues with the title resolved, and will be able to convert to a regular bank mortgage to pay back the personal loan at that time. This issue robbed us of our entire life savings over the last two years, and started following the loss of my dad to COVID, and leaving behind the pastorate that I loved at Hyde Park, so to say the last two years were challenging would be an understatement, but God remained faithful, and we are so thankful that He provided this solution so that we could enter 2024 with this burden lifted. Let me also so thank you to the churches and individuals who prayed faithfully for an end to our troubles. God heard and answered those prayers, and we pray His blessings for you!

Ministry News: After filling in at a local church several weeks in a row, the church voted to call me as pastor. I asked for a week to pray and seek the Lord's will in the matter and ultimately, I told them that I could not pastor at this time. Every time I prayed about accepting the position, my cell phone would ring or I would get a text from a church asking for the help of the ABATech ministry. Since I am now in a position that requires me to work a full-time job, it is inconceivable to think that I could work full time, pastor, and continue this ministry. The Lord made it clear that, although he certainly needs pastors as we have many churches without, what He wants of me right now is to continue the ABATech ministry, and to continue serving the churches as a fill-in preacher. Filling in allows me to help the churches without a pastor whenever I am able, while also affording me the freedom to go and do an ABATech project at another church as often as is asked of me.

Latest Tech to Help the Churches: Many churches have projectors or TVs in the sanctuary, and many more are interested in adding them. One challenge with this setup has been the distance between the laptop or computer and the projector or TVs that it needs to connect to. Historically, we were told that HDMI Cables only work up to 50 ft. The solution was to connect the computer's HDMI cable to a transmitter box and the projector/tv to a receiver box with an HDMI cable, and the boxes were connected with an Ethernet cable between them. This worked well, but with a few downsides. 1. Cost (the transmitter/receivers are pricey!) 2. Clutter. Most churches don't have room for more devices in the sound booth! 3. Another point of failure. A church in Arkansas has replaced their transmitter/receiver twice due to loss from power surges in their building. **Great news!** There is a new cable on the market that has HDMI connections on each end, but is fiber between the two ends so it can run long distances. This will be a fantastic solution for churches wanting to add projectors/tv's to the sanctuary, or perhaps replace an old setup.

If your church is interested in adding projectors/tvs, a camera system for online streaming, upgrade to a digital sound board, graphics design such as a logo for your church or an advertisement for an event, website hosting/design, online giving, or anything tech related, contact me and I will be glad to discuss your project with you.