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## **LAURENS COUNTY CHURCH FIRE RULED ACCIDENTAL**

**Atlanta** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens today announced that a fire that heavily damaged the Byrd Hill Baptist Church in Laurens County was accidental.

The church is located at 2430 Old Hawkinsville Highway in Dudley, Georgia. The fire occurred at approximately 8:30 p.m. and originated in the pastor's study, Commissioner Hudgens said. Investigators believe that the fire was the result of an overloaded extension cord.

The fire was investigated by Hudgens' Fire Investigation Unit and the Laurens County Fire Department.