

Huckabee Sparks Presidential Election Speculation With 'Pastors and Pews' Event

Though it's almost three years away, people are already talking about who will run in the 2016 presidential election. Among potential Republican candidates is former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

Speculation is growing that Huckabee will take another run at the White House because he was recently named the headline speaker at the "Pastors and Pews" event in Little Rock, Ark., sponsored by the American Renewal Project.

"This is the first time I have seen Mike Huckabee this aggressive [about a political run] in five years," American Renewal Project founder David Lane told South Carolina newspaper *The State*. "From where I sit, it looks like he's running."

Huckabee, who last ran for president in 2008, told Newsmax earlier this year that he is "not ruling out" another presidential candidacy.

An ordained minister in the Southern Baptist Convention, Huckabee will deliver his address at the conservative pastors' event on Thursday, the same day he's ending his nationally syndicated radio talk show, *The Mike Huckabee Show*.

The former president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, Brad Adkins, of Powdersville First Baptist Church, says, "I'd like to hear what he has to say. It seems like he would be a good candidate."

"Pastors and Pews" has held a series of events around the country this year. Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz spoke at an

event in Columbia, S.C., last month; Republican Sens. Rand Paul of Kentucky, Marco Rubio of Florida and Rick Perry of Texas have also spoken at the meetings.

“We have a lot more choices this time around,” Adkins says about potential Republican presidential candidates.