

Don Wildmon Resigns From American Family Association

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✖ American Family Association (AFA) founder Donald E. Wildmon has resigned as chairman of the Mississippi-based organization.

Wildmon, who has led AFA for more than 30 years, was hospitalized for three months beginning in August after contracting encephalitis from a mosquito bite. He also is recovering from surgery to remove cancer on his left eye.

His son, Tim Wildmon, is expected to lead the organization. Don Wildmon plans to continue working at the ministry and with other pro-family groups nationally, but he will not serve in a leadership role at AFA, according to a ministry statement.

Founded in 1977, AFA has been a longtime advocate of the sanctity of life, traditional marriage and decency in media. It operates 180 radio stations, a monthly magazine and claims 2.5 million supporters who regularly visit its Web site.