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MINEOLA-A church van from Harvest Acres Baptist Church in Mineola overturned while taking a group of young people to Six Flags Over Texas July 16.

One adult woman remained hospitalized in Tyler due to back pain. Her husband was released after two days of observation for a head injury, said Pastor Butch Gott.

One girl suffered a broken ankle; another received 15 stitches. There were "a lot of cuts and bruises and scrapes," the pastor said.

A tire on the 1985 Ford 15-passenger van blew out a few miles outside of Mineola on U.S. Hwy. 80, and the driver lost control, Gott said. The van, carrying 15-16 people, ended up on its roof in the median.

The van had been checked and serviced before the trip, he said.

"The Lord had to be riding with us on that van," Gott said.

He praised the work of firefighters and Department of Public Safety troopers. Gott also noted that a passerby from Arlington gathered all of the unhurt youth around her car to keep them safe and calm them down.

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