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AMARILLO—Celebration and worship were at the forefront as hundreds of African-American Texas Baptists gathered at St. John Baptist Church of Amarillo on the eve of the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting.

Pastor Grover Neal spoke of the purpose and accomplishments of the African American Fellowship of Texas.

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Michael Evans,  
pastor of  
Bethlehem  
Baptist Church  
in Mansfield,  
preaches at a  
rally for African-  
American Texas  
Baptists in  
Amarillo.  
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"It now includes over 800 churches whose purpose is to glorify God and assist in his redemptive work," he noted.

Doubt remains ever-present because there is a fallen angel whose purpose is to instill doubt, Michael Evans, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Mansfield, told the group in his keynote sermon.

But if Christians remember "it is the duty for all called people to point people to Jesus, then doubt will be defeated," Evans said.

Even Jesus' disciples came to him with doubt, but Jesus did not entertain their concern, he continued.

"He is a Savior who is constantly moving on to the next thing," Evans said. "He simply told them, 'All authority has been given to me on heaven and earth,' and the disciples understood and moved on with him."

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