

# **Blogging pastor lauded for defending fired female seminary professor**

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**By John Pierce**

*Baptists Today*

MINNEAPOLIS (ABP)—One of Southern Baptists' most outspoken pastors has been recognized for his defense of women—even though he does not believe women should serve as pastors.

Wade Burluson, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Enid, Okla., and former president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, recently received the Priscilla and Aquila Award from [Christians for Biblical Equality](#).

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# **BaptistWay Bible Series for December 30: Jesus and hopeless situations**

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for December 30**

## **Jesus and hopeless situations**

- Mark 4:35-5:43

[By Andrew Daugherty](#)

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## **Board voting on Daehnert as interim executive director**

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## **Board voting on Daehnert**

# as interim executive director

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

Jan Daehnert, a retired Baptist Building employee who led the state convention's intentional interim pastor program several years, has been recommended as interim executive director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board.

Board directors are casting e-mail ballots beginning today. If elected, Daehnert will start work in January, meeting with Executive Board staff. He will begin service as interim executive director when Charles Wade [retires Jan. 31](#) and will continue in that role until a new executive director assumes duties.

Jan Daehnert
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## Executive director interim candidate to be announced

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# **Executive director interim candidate to be announced**

Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board directors will be polled Thursday afternoon, Dec. 20, by e-mail ballot regarding a prospective interim executive director. The Baptist Standard has interviewed the candidate and will post an article about his nomination at 1 p.m. on Dec. 20, after board members have received information about the nominee.

The board received the required three-day notice Dec. 17, informing them a candidate would be nominated Dec. 20 and that they would vote by e-mail.

Charles Wade retires as executive director Jan. 31.

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## **Bible Studies for Life Series for December 30: Bowing before the Savior**

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**Bible Studies for Life Series for December 30**

# Bowing before the Savior

- Matthew 2:1-12

[By Steve Dominy](#)

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## Board to vote on interim executive director

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## Board to vote on interim executive director

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

The Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board will vote later this week on a nominee for interim executive director.

BGCT Executive Board directors learned Dec. 17 they would receive background information on a candidate for interim executive director, as well as information about how the e-mail balloting would take place. Voting begins Dec. 20 and will continue until a decision is made.

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# TBM seeks coats for children in North Korea

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**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

Global Resource Services will send 10 containers filled with medical supplies to 10 rural hospitals in North Korea soon, in celebration of the 10th anniversary of its humanitarian work there. And Texas Baptist Men wants to include 10,000 winter coats for children with the shipments.

John LaNoue of Lindale, whose initial work in North Korea gave birth to Texas Baptist Men's partnership with Global Resource Services there 10 years ago, recently returned from another trip to North Korea with TBM volunteer Jim Pinkston of Edgewood.

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# Fair-trade items offer Christmas gifts with a conscience

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## Fair-trade items offer Christmas gifts with a conscience

**By Hannah Elliott**

*Associated Baptist Press*

NEW YORK (ABP)—What's the perfect revenge for the flannel-lined hot-water bottle Aunt Sharon gave you last year? Or the Michael Bolton CD from your brother-in-law?

Maybe a toilet. Or an ox. A bag of seeds would work, for that matter.

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## Happy New Year? For Christians it began with Advent

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For some Christians, following a calendar common to Christ's followers through the centuries rather than one dictated by greeting-card companies constitutes an act of radical, counter-cultural discipleship.

## **Happy New Year? For Christians it began with Advent**

**By Jennifer Harris**

*Missouri Word & Way*

When does the New Year begin? For Christians observing the church calendar, the new year began Dec. 2, with the start of the Advent season.

The liturgical church year is an “or-derly way to look at the full scope of Christ-ian themes in a year-long fashion,” said John Baker, pastor of First Baptist Church in Columbia, Mo.

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# Missouri Baptist rift widens when leaders restrict funding for church starts

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## Missouri Baptist rift widens when leaders restrict funding for church starts

**By Vicki Brown**

*Associated Baptist Press*

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ABP)—A decision by [Missouri Baptist Convention](#) leaders to cut off funding for certain new church starts has set off a firestorm of protest and further widened a rift among conservative Baptists in the state.

Missouri Baptist Convention Executive Board members approved a measure at their December meeting to withdraw funding and other assistance to church plants affiliated with the [Acts 29 Network](#). The regularly scheduled board meeting was truncated due to an impending ice storm.

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# **Bible Studies for Life Series for December 23: Celebrating the Savior's Birth**

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**Bible Studies for Life Series for December 23**

## **Celebrating the Savior's Birth**

- Luke 2:1-20

**[By Steve Dominy](#)**

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# **Christian motorcyclists and mudders bring Christmas cheer in Beaumont**

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## **Christian motorcyclists and mudders bring Christmas cheer in Beaumont**

**By Analiz González**

*Buckner International*

EAUMONT—Santa Claus on a fire truck led a parade of bikers, 4X4s and hot rods to a crowd of waiting children in front of Buckner Children’s Village.

The crowd from the residential children’s home and the Buckner foster care program rode the vehicles, voted for their favorites and then went mudding on Buckner property hosed down by the fire department with 30,000 gallons of water.



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