

# **Daniel Ritchie nominee for SBC first vice president**

January 16, 2025

Evangelist and author Daniel Ritchie will be nominated for first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention during the 2025 SBC annual meeting in Dallas.

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# **Texans on Mission disaster relief units head to California**

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Trucks and trailers rolled out of Texans on Mission headquarters in Dallas early on Jan. 15 to support California churches responding to devastating wildfires.

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# **House bill bans transgender students from girls' sports**

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Speaker Mike Johnson celebrated the House passage of a bill banning

transgender students from girls' sports on Jan. 14 by linking opposition to transgender rights with a passage from the biblical book of Genesis.

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## **National Baptists' new president seeks to be inclusive**

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Boise Kimber officially was installed as president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., during the midwinter board meeting of the predominantly Black denomination—which he hopes will become more inclusive of women and young leaders.

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## **Texans on Mission join California churches in fire response**

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A four-person Texans on Mission team is in California working to multiply the ministry of churches and chart a long-term relief effort in the area devastated by raging fires.

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# **Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney dead at 84**

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Bill McCartney, a former college football coach who became one of the most influential religious figures in American life during the 1990s after founding the Promise Keepers movement, died Jan. 10. He was 84.

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# **Texans on Mission volunteers served two-thirds of 2024**

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Texans on Mission volunteers spent about two-thirds of last year—235 days—in the field, ministering to survivors of a variety of disasters.

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# **Connect360: Never Without**

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Lesson 6 in the Connect360 unit “The reMARKable Journey Continues: The Gospel of Urgency” focuses on Mark 5:21-23, 35-43.

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## **Baptist groups urge Indian officials to stop mob violence**

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Baptist conventions, councils and associations representing thousands of churches were among the groups who urged Indian President Draupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi to act decisively to stop violent mobs who have targeted Christians.

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## **BJC brief challenges Louisiana Ten Commandments law**

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The Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty and several other religious groups filed a brief Jan. 6 challenging a Louisiana law that mandates displaying the Ten Commandments in public school classrooms.

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# **Jimmy Carter's life celebrated at state funeral**

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A prestigious group of mourners, including a slate of current, former and future presidents and vice presidents, assembled in the Washington National Cathedral on Jan. 9 for the state funeral of President Jimmy Carter.

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# **Sudan connection drives Amarillo church to aid refugees**

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South Sudanese attending All Nations Worship Church, a ministry of Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo, know the pain of those displaced by the war in Sudan, which has created the greatest humanitarian crisis globally.