

# **Texas Baptists realigns for GC2 Strong strategy**

February 4, 2026

Texas Baptists realigned the Center for Cultural Engagement as part of its GC2 Strong strategy to better equip churches for Great Commandment and Great Commission faithfulness.

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## **2026 ‘He Gets Us’ ad more personal, less political**

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A new take on the “He Gets Us” ad campaign will focus on dealing with the struggles of life, rather than social conflicts.

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## **Christians under increased pressure in West Bank**

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The Palestinian Christian presence in the West Bank continues to be threatened by Israeli settlers, pressuring many to emigrate.

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# **ERLC trustees announce commitments, president update**

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ERLC trustees approved three commitments to rebuild trust, strengthen church engagement, and focus advocacy on shared priorities.

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## **On the Move: Harrington**

February 4, 2026

Staff changes noted for Central Baptist Church in Carthage.

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## **Health means caring for the whole pastor**

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Bobby Contreras and colleagues launched The Whole Pastor to support pastors' holistic health—spiritual, mental, physical, relational, and financial—so they can thrive personally and sustain long-term ministry.

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# **Josh Powell candidate for SBC president**

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Pastor Josh Powell will be nominated for Southern Baptist Convention president at the 2026 SBC annual meeting in Orlando.

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# **Around the State: Free tuition program announced at UMHB**

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University of Mary Hardin-Baylor launches UMHB Promise, offering free tuition for eligible freshmen and transfer students starting fall 2026.

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# **Religious freedom violations**

# **continue in Burma/Myanmar**

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Christians in Burma/Myanmar continue to suffer systematic violations of religious freedom carried out by the military.

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# **Evangelicals divided over immigration tension**

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Evangelicals are increasingly divided over immigration, as faith-based advocacy to “welcome the stranger” faces backlash.

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# **Obituary: Causey Esco Gram**

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Causey Esco Gram, pastoral and community leader, died Jan. 13. He was 77.

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# **Obituary: Mary Lou Ausmus Serratt**

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Mary Lou Ausmus Serratt, longtime denominational leader and former pastor's wife, died Jan. 27. She was 87.