

Around the State: ETBU students gather for prayer event

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While some campuses participated virtually in the annual See You at the Pole student-led prayer event on Sept. 23 in light of COVID-19, East Texas Baptist University students held an in-person prayer service organized by the campus Baptist Student Ministry while maintaining health and safety protocols. This year, the BSM focused on the unifying effect of prayer in trying times, challenging participants to pray for their school, community and country, and ask for compassionate hearts, peace, humility and patience in the midst of the global pandemic. “The purpose and energy behind See You at the Pole is powerful every year, but this year felt different,” BSM Director **David Griffin** said. “I believe that students came out to pray, because they know that Jesus is our only hope. We sit in the middle of a situation that we cannot control, and this event is ultimately a reminder to depend on and trust in the only one who is in control.”



Kenny Comstock, executive pastor of Crossroads Fellowship in Odessa, and his wife Melissa were killed in a two-car collision Sept. 24 in New Mexico. They are pictured with two of their three children. (Photo from Facebook via BP)

Kenny Comstock, executive pastor of the nondenominational Crossroads Fellowship church in Odessa and a doctoral student at Dallas Baptist University, and his wife **Melissa** died in a two-vehicle collision Sept. 24 in

New Mexico. The Comstocks' three children also were in the car, but only the 4-year-old suffered significant injuries and is expected to make a full recovery, the *Odessa American* reported.

✘ **Paul Chitwood**, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's International Mission Board, will speak at First Baptist Church in Forney on Oct. 11 in both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services. Chitwood has served as president of the IMB since 2018. He previously served as executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and served in the pastorate 18 years. For more information, call (972) 564-3357 or visit www.fbcforney.org.

Dallas Baptist University will host a Patriot Preview on Oct. 12. This event offers prospective students and their parents an opportunity to learn what DBU offers from an educational standpoint, as well as introducing them to campus life. Patriot Preview events include an all-inclusive tour of the campus, meeting professors and visiting with staff members, and sometimes attending a chapel service. In an effort to keep students, faculty, staff and visitors safe, DBU follows CDC guidelines, following social distancing requirements and enforcing the wearing of masks on campus. To register, click [here](#).

While COVID-19 forced Texas Baptists to postpone their annual on-site Conclave, a virtual NoClave Conclave will be held from 12 noon to 4:15 p.m. on Oct. 13. The event is designed to provide encouragement for adults who work with preschool, children, youth, family and NextGen ministries. **Jim Denison**, cultural commentator and founder of the Denison Forum, is the keynote speaker. The event is free for all participants. For more information, click [here](#).