

Dockery notes seminary's 'new place of stability'

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Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President David S. Dockery told faculty and staff the seminary has experienced a “turnaround” and is in “a place of stability and health” at the start of a new academic year.

Leatherwood resigns as president of the ERLC

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Brent Leatherwood, who spent nearly four years dealing with critics from the most conservative wing of the Southern Baptist Convention, resigned as head of the SBC's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission.

BWA leaders note 'What women these Christians have!'

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J. Merritt Johnston, executive director of Baptist World Alliance Women,

urged women to live Jesus-shaped lives so the world will note, as a 4th century pagan intellectual did, “What women these Christians have!”

Lifeway’s Ben Mandrell called as Bellevue pastor

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Bellevue Baptist Church in Cordova, Tenn., called Ben Mandrell as senior pastor. Mandrell has served as president and CEO of Lifeway Christian Resources since 2019.

Bible study leaders challenge Baptist World Congress

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Ralph West, founding pastor of The Church Without Walls in Houston, challenged global Baptists to embrace a “theology of reconciliation.”

Persecution and violence addressed at BWA Congress

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Bruce Webb, pastor of The Woodlands First Baptist Church, recounted the history of Baptist advocacy for freedom of religion during a breakout session at the Baptist World Congress focused on the persecution of Christians.

Global Baptists challenged to live the gospel

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Featured speakers at the Baptist World Congress challenged global Baptists to live out the gospel by caring for neighbors, making disciples, pursuing justice, advocating for freedom, and bearing witness to the transforming power of Christ.

Following Jesus means caring

for the poor

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Good news for the poor exists, and his name is Jesus, Tim Costello, executive director of Micah Australia, told a July 9 symposium on aid, immediately prior to the Baptist World Congress.

BWA Women's Summit celebrates global work

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The Baptist World Alliance Women's Summit celebrated the work of Baptist women around the globe and connected them to support one another with renewed sense of purpose in living the good news.

Texas Baptist entities feature in BWA business

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The Baptist World Alliance General Council on July 9 approved 17 new BWA member bodies and partners—including five affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas or are closely connected with Texas Baptists.

Accrediting body extends sanctions for Southwestern

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Southwestern Seminary President David S. Dockery announced June 27 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges extended sanctions against Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary first implemented in 2023.

Friends mourn Jennifer Lyell, SBC whistleblower

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Mourners gathered June 26 in a small chapel at Immanuel Nashville church to say goodbye to Jennifer Lyell, a former Christian publishing executive whose career was derailed when she accused her former Southern Baptist mentor and seminary professor of sexual abuse.