

# **Persecution and violence addressed at BWA Congress**

July 15, 2025

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.

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## **Global Baptists challenged to live the gospel**

July 15, 2025

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.

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## **Following Jesus means caring**

# **for the poor**

July 15, 2025

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.

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## **BWA Women's Summit celebrates global work**

July 15, 2025

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.

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## **Texas Baptist entities feature in BWA business**

July 15, 2025

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.

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# **Accrediting body extends sanctions for Southwestern**

July 15, 2025

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.

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# **Friends mourn Jennifer Lyell, SBC whistleblower**

July 15, 2025

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.

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# **Tennessee Supreme Court will hear SBC appeal in lawsuit**

July 15, 2025

The Tennessee Supreme Court will hear the appeal of the Southern Baptist Convention in a case connected to an inquiry by the SBC Credentials Committee.

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# **Texans on Mission complete work after Ugandan mudslide**

July 15, 2025

Six months after a deadly mudslide swept a Ugandan village off the map, Texans on Mission completed its response to the disaster after feeding relocated residents, providing protein supplements for children and constructing a system for clean water access.

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**SBC      Great      Commission**

# **Resurgence Task Force files unsealed**

July 15, 2025

The voices on the Aug. 11, 2009, audio recording of the Southern Baptist Convention's Great Commission Resurgence Task Force exhibit enthusiasm and excitement as well as intrigue and concern.

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# **Baptist Women in Ministry reflect on SBC women**

July 15, 2025

Baptist Women in Ministry met soon after the close of business on the first day of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

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# **Effort to compel greater SBC transparency fails**

July 15, 2025

Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting messengers approved a new business and financial plan for convention entities, rejecting an amendment

that would have required a level of financial transparency comparable to IRS Form 990 disclosures.