

Some in SBC warming to ‘Great Commission Baptists’ name

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Months ahead of their planned 2021 annual meeting, some Southern Baptist leaders are embracing an unofficial moniker for their gathering and—in some cases—for themselves: Great Commission Baptists.

Charles Stanley becomes pastor emeritus of Atlanta church

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In a video announcement following the Sept. 13 online service at First Baptist Church in Atlanta, longtime pastor Charles Stanley announced his transition to pastor emeritus.

Hurricane damages more than 100 Louisiana Baptist churches

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John Hebert, director of missions and ministries for Louisiana Baptists,

reported 107 Louisiana Baptist churches sustained damage ranging from minor to catastrophic—and some may not open their doors again.

California Baptist churches respond to needs during wildfires

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California Baptist churches located near rapidly spreading wildfires are preparing and responding to the immediate needs of evacuees by providing water, snacks and gift cards, as well as working in cooperation with organizations active in disaster.

Military Wives Retreat offers respite amid challenges of life

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Saluting “the sons and daughters of America” serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, Mary Gray said she is compelled to minister to military wives and families as they each “share their loved one with the world.”

Pandemic prompts churches to consider permanent changes

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Nearly every church has adjusted some aspects of its ministry since the onset of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Some congregations already are turning from the question of how to shift from the current moment toward changes for the long-term future.

Louisiana Baptist pastor among Hurricane Laura fatalities

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A Louisiana Baptist pastor is among 18 deaths related to Hurricane Laura, and dozens of church buildings in the region were damaged due to the storm.

LifeWay cuts budget, plans for ‘bridge year’ in 2021

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Trustees of LifeWay Christian Resources unanimously approved a \$210 million budget Aug. 25 for the 2020-21 fiscal year that includes reductions of 17 percent.

IMB clarifies earlier statement regarding Aderholt investigation

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The Southern Baptist Convention’s International Mission Board issued a statement, which it says clarifies and corrects previous statements made by the IMB regarding an investigation of sex crimes committed by a former missionary.

Seminary names Rebekah Naylor distinguished professor

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Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary named Rebekah Ann Naylor, longtime medical missionary to India, as distinguished professor of missions in its Roy J. Fish School of Evangelism and Missions.

SBC agency trustee meetings move online due to COVID-19

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The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee meeting scheduled for Sept. 21-22 in Nashville has been canceled and replaced with a special called meeting, to be held online Sept. 22.

National WMU announces voluntary retirement plan

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In response to a decline in sales due to COVID-19, national Woman's

Missionary Union announced Aug. 5 it is offering staff a voluntary retirement plan.