

# **Katy church sees rapid growth in baptisms**

April 1, 2024

Bear Creek Baptist Church is seeing growth—the kind of growth many churches dream of, with 60 baptisms since the beginning of 2024.

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# **Time to let the sun set on the Texas Lottery?**

April 1, 2024

Representatives of Texas Baptists' Christian Life Commission and Texans Against Gambling recently called on members of the Sunset Advisory Commission to take a hard look at the Texas Lottery Commission.

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# **Trump endorses 'God Bless the USA Bible'**

April 1, 2024

During Holy Week, Donald Trump released a video promoting sales of the "God Bless the USA Bible."

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# **Study: Unaffiliated the only growing religious group in U.S.**

April 1, 2024

Religious churn has been a key fixture of U.S. religion for a long time, but a new survey of changes in American religion finds that motion is not so much a swirling but a one-way stream heading out.

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# **Author Leah Payne details the rise and fall of CCM**

April 1, 2024

'God Gave Rock & Roll to You' is a new history of the cultural power of contemporary Christian music from religious historian Leah Payne.

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# **Around the State: Health**

# **science workshop set at HPU**

April 1, 2024

High school students can apply now for Howard Payne University's second annual Health Science Enrichment Workshop, scheduled June 19-21.

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# **Beach Reach marked new high in professions of faith**

April 1, 2024

Ten days of intensive ministry to college students on South Padre Island yielded the highest number of professions of faith in Christ for any Beach Reach event in recent memory.

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# **Easter remains a high attendance day for most churches**

April 1, 2024

Most pastors expect one of their largest crowds of the year at church on Easter, but those expectations have tempered some in the past decade.

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# **FM72 leaders call back to Waco Youth Revivals**

April 1, 2024

A series of worship gatherings at Baylor University in the mid-1940s sparked a nationwide youth revival movement. Today, leaders of FM72 pray God will “do it again.”

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# **ETBU volleyball team shares the gospel in Chile**

April 1, 2024

Members of the East Texas Baptist University volleyball team provided books for the library at a Baptist college, led sports clinics, competed in three matches and shared their faith during a spring break trip to Chile.

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# **More than half of Americans rarely go to church**

April 1, 2024

More than half of Americans (56 percent) say they seldom or never attend religious services, according to new data from Gallup.

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# **NC pastor Pardue nominee for SBC 2nd VP**

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North Carolina pastor J. Allen Murray plans to nominate fellow North Carolina pastor Micheal Pardue to be second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention at the 2024 SBC annual meeting.