

# **Religious dissidents subjected to mistreatment in prison**

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Oppressive governments not only violate freedom of religion by imprisoning adherents of disfavored religions, but also subjecting them to harassment and even torture during their incarceration, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom reports.

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# **District Court issues decisions for seminary and Patterson**

December 6, 2025

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary remains dismissed from claims of defamation in a case involving the school and its former president, Paige Patterson, with the latter being allowed to file again for summary judgment, a U.S District Court decided.

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# **Christmas means extra giving**

# for churchgoers

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For many churchgoers, Christmastime means giving time. Most say they regularly donate money and items to their churches as well as to local and national ministries and nonprofits.

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## **Class-action suit filed to halt Ten Commandments displays**

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Eighteen families filed a class-action lawsuit Dec. 2 to stop the display of a prescribed version of the Ten Commandments in all classrooms of every Texas school district not already involved in related litigation or subject to an injunction.

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## **African Christian leaders and health nonprofits fill gaps**

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African Christian leaders attending a conference with faith-based health organizations called for countries on the continent to do more to replace

U.S. Agency for International Development funds cut by the Trump administration.

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## **Around the State: HPU to build \$6 million tennis center**

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Howard Payne University will soon begin construction on a new \$6 million tennis center.

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## **Nigerian president declares security emergency**

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Nigeria's president responded to a surge in violence and abductions by declaring a nationwide security emergency, ordering the massive recruitment and deployment of law enforcement officers and armed forces personnel.

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# **Coppell church's Christmas Store serves families**

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For one week each December, the fellowship hall at Valley Ranch Baptist Church in Coppell turns into a Christmas shopping destination through its annual "Christmas Store."

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# **Operation Christmas Child volunteers go the distance**

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Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving served as an Operation Christmas Child collection site in November. For many volunteers at the church, collecting the shoeboxes filled with gifts has become a Christmas tradition.

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# **Ken Camp, longtime Baptist journalist, to retire**

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Baptist Standard Managing Editor Ken Camp will retire Dec. 31, 2025,

bringing to a close a decades-long era of reporting on Texas Baptists.

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## **Around the State: Tucker Plainview Chamber Student of the Month**

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Wayland Baptist University congratulates sophomore Kendal Tucker on being named the Plainview Chamber of Commerce Student of the Month for Nov. 2025.

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## **Cowboy church disciples men**

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In 2011, Montague County Cowboy Church Pastor Joe Caballero took a camping trip with his family, along with two other families, to Carson National Forest in New Mexico.