

Obituary: Chad James Selph

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Chad James Selph, pastor of First Baptist Church in Allen, died Dec. 16 following a three-year battle with neuroendocrine tumor cancer. He was 62.

Addressing abuse requires churches to be prepared

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A church's response to an allegation of abuse begins with a call to Child Protective Services. From there, it's important not only to have an active partnership with civil authorities in addressing the case, but also to set up long-term care for survivors, experts say.

Muslim couple's lawsuit against school district dismissed

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A federal judge in Illinois ruled a state school district is not responsible for the actions of a teacher who allegedly proselytized students in a public

school classroom, leading a Muslim student to convert to Christianity.

Neither Nigeria nor India cited for serious violations

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In spite of a Christmas Eve massacre of about 200 Nigerian Christians and evidence of India's growing transnational repression of religious minorities, neither nation was designated as a Country of Particular Concern by the U.S. Department of State.

COVID boosted resilience, hurt finances of Black churches

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Predominantly Black congregations, known for their high levels of community outreach during the COVID-19 pandemic, have remained the most stable in combined attendance—in person and online—compared with multiracial and white majority congregations.

TBM-built facility in Turkey drawing crowds

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A TBM team constructed a community center in Antakya, Turkey, last August. The Christian group meeting there is “bursting at the seams, with in excess of 60 folks in attendance,” said Rupert Robbins, associate director of TBM Disaster Relief.

Evangelist Junior Hill dies at age 87

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Junior Hill, a sought-after evangelist among Southern Baptists for more than 50 years, died Jan. 3 at his home in Hartselle, Ala. He was 87.

TBM helps feed Ukrainian war refugees in Romania

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Baptist churches around Suceava, Romania, continue to care for and feed Ukrainian refugees almost two years after the Russian invasion, and Texas Baptist Men has come alongside the congregations to help provide the meals.

Gym church members work out their faith

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A gym may seem like an unorthodox location for a church, but that's what it is—a growing body of believers and seekers who gather to worship and hear the Bible preached each week.

On the Move: Brown and Kirby

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Staff and pastoral changes noted for churches in Abilene and Riesel.

Around the State: Mission Arlington's Christmas Store benefits families

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The annual Christmas Store at Mission Arlington benefited 7,551 families—more than 30,000 individuals—last month, allowing parents and other caregivers to “shop” for free gifts for their children.

Baptists among Nigerians killed in Christmas Eve attacks

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A Baptist pastor and his wife were among nearly 200 Nigerians killed in a series of coordinated attacks that began Christmas Eve.