

SBC reelects Barber as president, votes on church ousters

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Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in New Orleans reelected Bart Barber, pastor of First Baptist Church in Farmersville, as SBC president by a more than two-to-one margin.

Debate over women overshadows other SBC challenges

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A slow-simmering debate that has heated up among Southern Baptists will dominate the annual meeting in New Orleans: What should be done about the handful of women who serve as pastors at SBC churches?

Executive Committee forwards amendment to messengers

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The SBC Executive Committee voted to place a motion before messengers to the annual meeting concerning whether churches with female pastors should be considered outside the bounds of cooperation with the SBC.

WMU speakers say abiding in Christ brings abundant hope

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Abiding in Christ brings abundant hope, Woman's Missionary Union leaders said at the 2023 WMU Missions Celebration and annual meeting.

Obituary: Robert Dee Longshore

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Robert Dee "Bob" Longshore, Texas Baptist pastor and development officer, died June 10 in Mesquite. He was 100.

Welling seeks to develop Christ-centered nursing program

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Sandra Sexton Welling arrived at Hardin-Simmons University with a vision for developing a program focused on Christ-centered nursing.

Christian groups quietly advance racial healing

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Christian groups quietly are launching initiatives that address the still-fraught racial divisions among their members and in the wider society.

Violence, persecution continue

in India's Manipur State

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More than a month after mob violence began in the Manipur State of northeast India, at least 250 churches have been burned, and casualty reports grow daily.

Barber and Stone square off for SBC president

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Despite their similarities in doctrine and practice, Bart Barber and Mike Stone represent an ongoing dispute over the SBC's current direction and future.

Interfaith leader, Baptist pastor Welton Gaddy dies at 81

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C. Welton Gaddy, a Baptist pastor who became an advocate for interfaith relations and progressive causes, died June 7. He was 81.

Ukrainian Baptists convert missile into pulpit

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Ukrainian Baptists may not be beating swords into plowshares yet, but some have started by converting a weapon of war into a pulpit to proclaim the gospel of peace.

BGCT Executive Board deems two churches out of bounds

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Texas Baptists' board voted to declare two congregations outside of harmonious cooperation with the churches of the convention due to their public affirmation of same-sex sexuality.