

# **Around the State: University of Mary-Hardin Baylor students start year with service**

August 12, 2025

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor students participated in Love CTX as part of Welcome Week on Aug. 9.

---

# **Richardson marriage ministry delivers community impact**

August 12, 2025

First Baptist Church of Richardson went without a marriage ministry several years. In 2024, Pastor Ronny Marriott decided it was time to make a change.

---

# **Eastland pastor Kevin Burrow**

# **nominee for BGCT president**

August 12, 2025

Kevin Burrow, senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Eastland, will be nominated for president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at Texas Baptists' annual meeting, Nov. 16-18 in Abilene.

---

# **Dockery notes seminary's 'new place of stability'**

August 12, 2025

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President David S. Dockery told faculty and staff the seminary has experienced a "turnaround" and is in "a place of stability and health" at the start of a new academic year.

---

# **Faith leaders issue global appeal to pray for Ukraine**

August 12, 2025

Ukrainian Baptists are joining with other religious groups in asking people of faith globally to pray for Ukraine on Aug. 24.

---

# **Doubter finds way back to faith after deconstruction**

August 12, 2025

Kara Griffis recalled how, as a university student in the late 1990s studying religion and history, she began to experience “contagious doubts” about her faith.

---

# **Lawmaker calls redistricting exodus an act of faith**

August 12, 2025

Rep. James Talarico, a seminarian who has joined dozens of other Democratic state legislators in leaving Texas to oppose mid-decade redistricting efforts, said he views their protests as an act of faith, reflecting both his personal beliefs and his faith in democracy.

---

# **Membership declines but some churchgoers double-up**

August 12, 2025

A recent survey conducted by the Hartford Institute for Religion Research found nearly half of American churchgoers attend church services in multiple locations in person and/or online.

---

# **Ray Gann mastered mass feeding but found more**

August 12, 2025

After 20 years with Texans on Mission's state mass feeding unit, Ray Gann, 71, has retired as the unit's leader.

---

# **On the Move: Buser, Foster, Martin, Myers, Wheatcraft**

August 12, 2025

Staff changes noted for churches in Victoria, Bonham, Hereford, Burleson and Athens.

---

# **Late-summer camp offers respite for Hill Country kids**

August 12, 2025

Kids from Trinity Baptist Church in Kerrville received a much-needed time of fun and rest following last month's devastating floods in their area.

---

# **Churches help local public schools in a variety of ways**

August 12, 2025

As students head back to the classroom, they're likely to see the impact of local churches in their schools this year, new research reveals.