

# **Online ministry strategy helps church bridge social distance**

June 2, 2020

It wasn't quite the celebration Dan and Chris Conrades had in mind as Crosspoint Church marked its fourth anniversary as a church replant. But they made the best of a challenging situation as church members sheltered at home and gathered online to mark the ministry milestone.

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# **Clergy expelled from church prior to Trump photo op**

June 2, 2020

President Trump stood before the historic St. John's Episcopal Church in downtown Washington, D.C., on June 1 and held aloft a Bible for cameras. Less than an hour before his arrival, armored police used tear gas to clear hundreds of peaceful demonstrators from Lafayette Square park, across the street from the church. Authorities also expelled at least one Episcopal priest and a seminarian from the church's patio.

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# **Incumbent 1st VP Jason Burden nominee for BGCT president**

June 2, 2020

Jason Burden, pastor of First Baptist Church in Nederland and incumbent first vice president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will be nominated for president of the convention.

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# **SBC leaders call for prayer after George Floyd's death**

June 2, 2020

Southern Baptist leaders lamented the death of George Floyd, an African American who died in Minneapolis after a white police officer used a knee to pin his neck to the pavement for several minutes.

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# **Texas Baptists express pain, address racial unrest and**

# **injustice**

June 2, 2020

The death of George Floyd while in police custody and the outrage it sparked across the nation prompted Texas Baptists to use social media to express their pain and call for justice, peace and prayer.

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# **Minneapolis pastors lead peaceful protests**

June 2, 2020

W. Seth Martin, founding pastor of The Brook Community Church of Minneapolis, has led his multiethnic congregation in peaceful protests since George Floyd's death.

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# **Texas Baptists and international partners care for pastors**

June 2, 2020

A prayer request for Mexican pastors who face economic hardship as a

result of the COVID-19 crisis led to a partnership between the Baptist General Convention of Texas and Baptist associations and conventions internationally.

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## **Vickrey committed to quality education for all God's children**

June 2, 2020

Like any mother, Cameron Mason Vickrey wants the best for her three young children. But when it comes to education, she rejects the idea they should benefit at the expense of others.

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## **Around the State: Prayers and Scripture cover ETBU chapel**

June 2, 2020

East Texas Baptist University faculty, staff and community members covered the unfinished walls of the new Chapel on the Hill in blessings of Scripture and prayers. The Hardin-Simmons University board of trustees approved a \$51.7 million budget for 2020-21 and several undergraduate degree programs during its May meeting.

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# **Activists applaud Uighur named to religious freedom agency**

June 2, 2020

Uighur American attorney and activist Nury Turkel has been appointed to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, an independent religious freedom watchdog agency funded by Congress.

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# **Area TBM chainsaw crews respond after San Antonio tornado**

June 2, 2020

When a tornado packing 100 mph winds hit an area on the northwest side of San Antonio, Texas Baptist Men volunteers from the area stepped up to meet their neighbors' needs.

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# **TBM volunteer crews respond to Bowie tornado**

June 2, 2020

Texas Baptist Men chainsaw, feeding and shower units are responding to needs in Bowie after a storm damaged 200 homes and affected 50 businesses.