

# **On the Move: Darnell**

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Staff changes noted for First Baptist Church in Monahans.

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## **Around the State: DBU soccer player baptized on campus**

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Dallas Baptist University students, coaches, and friends were on campus to witness the baptism of Women's Soccer goalkeeper, Sam Jones.

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## **Property sale underscores SWBTS financial turnaround**

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Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary announced Jan. 13 Student Village Apartments and Townhomes have been sold to Bellrock Real Estate Partners.

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# **Pastor and others released from Nicaraguan prison**

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A Protestant pastor and five friends and family members were released from prison Jan. 10 after nearly six months of incommunicado detention in Nicaragua's Granada Department, as reported by Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

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# **Christians among victims in Iran protests, evangelist says**

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Christians have been shot as police respond to protests across Iran, a U.S.-based evangelist told Baptist Press.

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# **Former professor sues Baptist publication for defamation**

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A former professor at a Georgia Baptist college is suing a Baptist publication for defamation, saying he was falsely accused of sexual abuse.

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# **Texans on Mission rebuilds homes in Kerr County**

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The floodwaters that tore through Kerr County last summer are long gone, but the work of rebuilding is not.

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# **Faith leaders express concerns about SB 11**

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An open letter signed by more than 160 Texas faith leaders and posted Jan. 8 urges school districts not to adopt SB 11.

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# **Influential church in China reports arrests**

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An influential Protestant church in central China has reported its prominent leaders have been arrested in what is being considered a crackdown on underground churches in China.

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# **Obituary: Mary Sue Kendall**

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Mary Sue Kendall of Covington died Jan. 8 at age 97.

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# **Walker accepts religious freedom advisory role**

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Former North Carolina Baptist pastor and congressman Mark Walker announced Thursday, Jan. 8, he has accepted a new role within the Trump

administration focused on advancing religious liberty around the world.

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# **Tenn. Supreme Court seeks clarity about church autonomy**

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Tenn. Supreme Court sought clarity, Jan. 8, on the church autonomy doctrine in a case focused on the SBC's protocols to address sexual abuse claims.