

# **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.

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## **Texas Baptists Evangelism event bears fruit**

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On Nov. 15, prior to the Texas Baptists Annual Meeting in Abilene, the Texas Baptists Evangelism team, Forgotten Ministries, Broadview Baptist Church, and other churches partnered together to evangelize three Abilene apartment complexes.

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# **Latino evangelicals celebrate Maduro's capture**

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Since the U.S. government's Jan. 3 capture of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, many Latino evangelical Christian communities in the United States have been celebrating what they call a spiritual victory as well as a political one.

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# **Nigerian Christian responses to U.S. Christmas strike**

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Nigerian Christians express appreciation for U.S. military action against Islamic militant targets in far northwestern Nigeria on Dec. 25.

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# **Philip Yancey, beloved evangelical author, retires after**

# admitting affair

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Philip Yancey, a beloved evangelical author and speaker, will retire from public ministry after admitting to a long-term affair.

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# Baptist ministries respond to U.S. strike on Venezuela

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Baptist world leaders are responding to the developments taking place in Venezuela after the U.S. entered Venezuela to capture Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro.

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# Attacks on Christians continue in Nigeria

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More have been killed in Christian villages in northeastern and northcentral Nigeria since Christmas, according to numerous reports.

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# **Studies reveal disappearing religious gender gap**

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A study by Pew Research Center shows shifting religious demographics among young men and women. Young women, previously considered “more religious” than young men, are now considered roughly as religious as men in the same age group.

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# **On the Move: Curry, Denton, Medley, Ruwaldt**

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Ministerial changes noted for Lubbock Area Baptist Association, Brenham, Amarillo, and Palestine.