

# **Obituary: Jim Houser**

January 21, 2026

James Lawrence “Jim” Houser, missionary to Africa and Baylor University professor, died Monday, Jan. 19, 2026, at his home. He was 92.

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# **Villagers destroy homes of Christian families in India**

January 21, 2026

Christian families in an Indian village were attacked, displaced, and threatened after refusing to renounce their faith, reports say.

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# **Church preparedness crucial with upcoming freeze**

January 21, 2026

Ahead of expected wintry weather in North Texas, church property insurers urge protective safeguards and continued ministry.

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# **Cities Church considering legal options after anti-ICE protest**

January 21, 2026

Leaders of Cities Church are considering legal action against anti-ICE activists who interrupted a Jan. 18 worship service in the sanctuary.

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# **Over 100 Christians abducted during worship in Nigeria**

January 21, 2026

Nearly 175 worshippers were abducted Jan. 18 from three churches in Kaduna State in Nigeria's Middle Belt, according to reports.

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# **Christian persecution at all-**

# **time high, report says**

January 21, 2026

International Christian nonprofit and ministry Open Doors released its World Watch List for 2026 confirming Christian persecution is at an all-time high in 15 nations, including Nigeria and Syria.

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# **Around the State: Church-focused insurance program announced**

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Wayland Baptist University plans a program expansion of the Ben & Bertha Mieth School of Nursing to the university's Plainview campus to strengthen academic opportunities in the West Texas region.

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# **Leaders seek to block interstate Rx abortion pills**

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Southern Baptists joined others at a press conference Jan. 14 urging

federal authorities to block interstate abortion pill prescriptions.

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## **Celebrating Churches: FBC Midland celebrates 140 years**

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First Baptist Church of Midland is celebrating their 140th anniversary as a church.

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## **Lifeway Research finds church closures eclipse openings**

January 21, 2026

The changing religious landscape in the United States includes a decline in the total number of Protestant and Southern Baptist churches.

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# **On the Move: Darnell**

January 21, 2026

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.