

On the Move: Curry, Denton, Medley, Ruwaldt

January 6, 2026

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

Obituary: Eloy Felan Jr.

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Eloy Felan Jr, senior pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Lubbock, died Jan. 2, at age 80.

Celebrating Churches: Pioneer Drive breaks ground on new worship center

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Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene, as part of celebrating their next 70 years, broke ground on a new worship center Sunday morning, Dec. 14.

Around the State: ETBU beach volleyball serves in Honduras

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East Texas Baptist University's beach volleyball team returned on Dec. 14 from Roatan, an island in Honduras, as part of ETBU's Tiger Athletic Mission Experience.

Richard Smallwood, ‘Total Praise’ writer, dies at 77

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Richard Smallwood, a singer and pianist best known for his contemporary gospel music hit “Total Praise,” died Tuesday, Dec. 30.

Obituary: Melchor “Mel” Gomez

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Melchor “Mel” Gomez, pastor, community leader and longtime Hale Center

restaurateur, died Jan. 2, 2025, in Hale Center. He was 70.

Obituary: James Lynn Scarborough

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James Lynn Scarborough, Southern Baptist minister and longtime associational leader, died Dec. 30 in Mineral Wells. He was 78.

Obituary: Sergio Ramos

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Sergio Ramos, ministry leader and pillar of the Tyler County community, died Dec. 27 in Conroe. He was 82.

Turning Point USA event

exposes rifts in Christian right

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Speakers at AmericaFest in Phoenix painted Charlie Kirk as a spiritual unifier who connected disparate parts of the American right and reached out to progressives.

Pastors discuss Texas-Ukrainian partnership details

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Texas Baptist pastors and ministry leaders learned more about a four-phase plan for partnership between Texas and Ukrainian Baptist churches during a Dec. 18 Zoom call.

Around the State: Wayland selects 2026 Willson Lectures speaker

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Wayland Baptist University has selected Ronald Angelo Johnson, associate

professor of history and Ralph & Bessie Mae Lynn Endowed Chair of History at Baylor University, as the featured speaker for the 2026 Willson Lectures scheduled Feb. 10-12 at the university's Plainview campus.

NFL players call attention to religious persecution in Nigeria

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A group of NFL players sent a letter to Capitol Hill on Dec. 19, urging U.S. leaders to take steps to curb violence against religious groups in Nigeria, including Christians.