

# **Around the State: ETBU packs Christmas boxes**

December 4, 2024

East Texas Baptist University participated in its ninth annual Operation Christmas Child, an outreach program organized by Samaritan's Purse.

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# **State board approves Bible-infused curriculum**

December 4, 2024

A majority of the Texas State Board of Education gave final approval Nov. 22 to a state-authored curriculum under intense scrutiny in recent months for its heavy inclusion of biblical teachings.

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# **Religious freedom concerns voiced over Azerbaijan**

December 4, 2024

Azerbaijan, which hosted a United Nations climate summit last month, has come under international scrutiny for human rights and religious freedom

violations.

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## **‘Hope in the Heartland’ brings the gospel center stage**

December 4, 2024

Desiring to bring the gospel center stage through an evening of toe-tapping entertainment, award-winning songwriters and worship leaders Chris and Diane Machen, members of Preston Ridge Baptist Church in Frisco, wrote and produced “Hope in the Heartland.”

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## **Texas Baptist missions leader Joy Fenner died at age 89**

December 4, 2024

Joy Fenner, a Baptist missionary, Woman’s Missionary Union of Texas leader and the first woman elected as president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, died Nov. 29 in Dallas. She was 89.

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# **Obituary: Glenn Majors**

December 4, 2024

Glenn Grady Majors, longtime denominational worker and missions pastor, died Nov. 27, one week before his 82nd birthday.

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## **Hispanic Protestants go on pilgrimage to Darien Gap**

December 4, 2024

More than two dozen Hispanic Protestant leaders and pastors journeyed to Panama to understand the experiences of migrants who arrive in their communities and to explore opportunities to collaborate with Panamanian churches and other partners to support migrants.

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## **India's anti-conversion law allows policing of Christians**

December 4, 2024

More than two years after a Christian prayer service at his home was raided by police, a court in Uttar Pradesh in northern India acquitted Abhishek Gupta, a 41-year-old radiologist, of violating the state's anti-

conversion law.

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## **Conexión Esposas ministers to Hispanic pastors' wives**

December 4, 2024

“Together, Faithful and Healthy” is the motto of Conexión Esposas, which includes retreats, conferences, connection groups and resources.

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## **Conexión Esposas ministra a esposas de pastores hispanos**

December 4, 2024

“Juntos, fieles y saludables” es el lema de Conexión Esposas, que incluye retiros, conferencias, grupos de conexión y recursos.

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# **Signing church services for the Deaf is a work of love**

December 4, 2024

The Deaf Bible Society, a nonprofit that works to make the Bible accessible to Deaf people, lists nearly 30 houses of worship in the state that are “Deaf Churches” (led by Deaf people) or “Interpreted Churches.”

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# **Baptists support Texas law regulating porn sites**

December 4, 2024

Three Baptist entities sign on to an amicus brief in support of Texas’ regulation of porn websites, a case to be heard by SCOTUS on Jan. 15.