

Faith Digest: Court upholds gun ban in church

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A federal appeals court has upheld Georgia's ban on bringing guns into places of worship. Jonathan Wilkins, a Baptist pastor, and a gun-rights group had argued church members should have the right to carry guns into worship services to protect the congregation.

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The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools declined to reaffirm accreditation of Georgia Baptist-related Brewton-Parker College and placed the school on probation.

Around the State

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Contagious Dallas, a conference led by Mark Mittelberg, author of *Becoming a Contagious Christian*, will be held at First Church in Duncanville Sept. 9-10.

Stevens named BaptistWay Press publisher

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Scott Stevens has been named publisher of BaptistWay Press, the Bible study curriculum publishing arm of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Land announces retirement from SBC ethics commission

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Richard Land, Southern Baptists' top public-policy spokesman recently reprimanded for plagiarism and racially insensitive rhetoric on his radio show, has announced he will retire next year.

Fort Worth's Sarah Scherer draws strength from faith

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Sarah Scherer's church family at Southcliff Baptist Church in Fort Worth helped her persevere through a great trauma and eventually to a world stage at the Olympic Games in London.

Updated: BGCT staff, Southwestern Seminary support Chick-fil-A

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The Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board staff and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary both are encouraging people to heed the Chick-fil-A fast-food chain's familiar advertising slogan—"Eat Mor Chikin"—by making treats available on Aug. 1.

TBM, WMU partnership empowers poor in Ghana to drill water wells

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Thanks to a partnership between Texas Baptist Men and Woman's Missionary Union of Texas—with help from a nonprofit ministry related to Southland Baptist Church in San Angelo—Christians in Ghana are learning to drill their own water wells using simple technology and locally available materials.

Shaw makes London home for sake of immigrants, Olympics

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Doug Shaw and with his wife, Marcy, have served as missionaries in Poland and London, and now he is Olympics volunteer coordinator for Southern Baptists.

Students help students during missions week at children's home

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Forty-five youth from Humble Area First Baptist Church near Houston teamed up with students from South Texas Children's Home and First Baptist Church in Beeville to tackle a variety of mission projects.

Matthew House ministries make refugees feel at home

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A Texas Baptist group spent a week in Canada touring three Matthew House locations that minister to newly arrived refugees. They met refugees who would otherwise be homeless, listened to stories of hope and were encouraged by the passion of Matthew House volunteers and workers.

Baptist Foundation president sets retirement date

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After 36 years as president and chief executive officer of the Baptist Foundation of Texas, Lynn Craft will retire from his role Dec. 31.