

# **Obituary: Sergio Ramos**

December 30, 2025

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

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## **Turning Point USA event exposes rifts in Christian right**

December 30, 2025

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.

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## **Pastors discuss Texas-Ukrainian partnership details**

December 30, 2025

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.

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# **Around the State: Wayland selects 2026 Willson Lectures speaker**

December 30, 2025

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.

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# **NFL players call attention to religious persecution in Nigeria**

December 30, 2025

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.

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# **Obituary: Doris Ann Tinker**

December 30, 2025

Doris Ann Tinker of Richardson, who served as executive associate to two Baptist General Convention of Texas executive directors, died Dec. 12. She was 92.

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## **Nigerian churches attacked and worshippers abducted**

December 30, 2025

Armed assailants attacked two churches in Nigeria's Kogi State in recent weeks and abducted worshippers, a United Kingdom-based human rights organization focused on international religious freedom reported.

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## **Study shows rising interest in magic as religion declines**

December 30, 2025

As more people move away from regular attendance in religious institutions, they are moving toward individual spiritual exploration and "secular supernaturalism," the latest findings from the Baylor Religion

Survey reveal.

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## **Nigerian faith leaders insist Christians are targeted**

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Nigerian church leaders insist Christians in their country are persecuted for their faith, rejecting a growing narrative that violence in their country is not religion-based.

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## **Festivities slowly return to Holy Land amid shaky ceasefire**

December 30, 2025

In recent months, and especially after the shaky October ceasefire, tourism to Israel and the Bethlehem region of the West Bank has picked up, along with Israel's national mood.

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# **Judge cancels Sills jury trial and calls for new trial date**

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Federal Judge William Campbell has canceled the jury trial between David and Mary Sills and the Southern Baptist Convention set for Feb. 10, 2026, calling for it to be rescheduled.

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# **Around the State: HPU student awarded scholarship**

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Howard Payne University student Alexandria Martinez has been awarded a scholarship by the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas and the Council of Independent Colleges and United Parcel Service.