

Faith Digest

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Evangelical leader Leith Anderson has announced plans to retire as senior pastor of his megachurch in Eden Prairie, Minn. Anderson will end his 35-year pastoral leadership of the 5,000-member Wooddale Church—an interdenominational congregation affiliated with the Baptist General Conference—at the end of the year.

Baylor church music students transform African village

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A team of Baylor University church music students in 2007 sought to change the lives of a handful of girls in East Africa, but their return this year found a village transformed.

Texas Tidbits

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After more than 41 years with Baptist Community Services and the related health care entities that preceded it, Tim Holloway will retire Dec. 31 as

president and chief executive officer of BCS and the High Plains Christian Ministries Foundation.

After 59 years, Garland Bible teacher has no plans to stop

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Sylvia Vaughan began teaching a first-grade Sunday school class at First Baptist Church in Garland in 1952, and she's never looked back.

Layman's vision enables church to provide ministerial internship

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Twenty-five years ago, Frank Phillips felt God burdened his heart with desire to make it a little easier for people who felt a call to ministry to see it become reality. Now there's an intern program at First Baptist Church in Mont Belvieu.

Unsung Heroes

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Tapping passion and giftedness—and an understanding of every job as ministry— may be the best way to find willing workers to fill those unglamorous and least-recognized posts in church life.

Custodian keeps Paducah church neat and clean for four decades

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If cleanliness is next to godliness, Gilbert Mercado wants First Baptist Church in Paducah to be the most godly church around. He's been the custodian there more than 40 years.

Computer system works behind the scenes to help churches meet needs

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Dallas Baptist Association recently improved its online CityServe system to link community needs, church resources and volunteers.

Acton volunteers aid BUA because they want to 'be like Jesus'

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Braving sweltering 100-degree summer heat, 56 men, women and children from Acton Baptist Church in Granbury spent a week at Baptist University of the Americas in San Antonio to renovate a 50-year-old building and lead a Vacation Bible School for neighborhood children.

Texas band encourages youth to reflect on God's glory

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After meeting in 2000 while working at a coffee shop in Mesquite, The Afters have garnered Dove Awards and their songs have been featured on multiple television shows.

Musician Sara Groves puts faith into action

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Singer/songwriter Sara Groves is on a mission—to help audiences gain a deeper understanding of God's love for his children. And by doing more than just singing songs at her concerts, she is challenging Christians to grow in their walk with Christ.

El Paso church reaches children

through VBS, sports camp

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Journey of Faith Community Church in El Paso doesn't have a building of its own, but that doesn't stop church members from ministering each year to the families through Vacation Bible School and sports camps.