

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.

Championship coach sees God at work, even on gridiron

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After Auburn University’s national championship game win over the University of Oregon last season, coach Gene Chizik told a national TV

audience, “God was with us.” In a new memoir, *All In: What It Takes to Be the Best*, Chizik explains what he believes about football, family and faith.

Churches discover brand identification can be a serious detriment

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The seemingly mundane topic of a church name has become a flashpoint for U.S. congregations, with many renaming themselves in recent years for pragmatic, theological or even cultural reasons.

Bivocational, small-church pastors challenged to ‘go for the gold’

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Ministers should “go for the gold,” not settle for peanuts, Paul Powell told the annual conference for Texas Baptist bivocational and small-membership-church ministers and their families.

On the Move

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Kim Bartel to Herty Church in Lufkin as pastor.