

Midland church calls Everett; search for replacement to begin

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BGCT leaders plan to name a 15-member search committee to find a new executive director after Randel Everett accepted a call to become pastor of First Baptist Church in Midland. 

Joy to the World?

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Some people who have experienced significant loss in the recent past find the holiday season extremely difficult to deal with. Churches can help.

Final Valley Reach results show 1,000-plus professions of faith

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More than 1,000 people made professions of faith as a result of Valley Reach, an evangelistic effort centered on the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting.

UMHB student group helps provide Toys for Tots

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Hundreds of Central Texas children will have new toys to play with this Christmas, thanks to students from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

TBM dedicates expanded disaster relief complex

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Friends of Texas Baptist Men gathered in east Dallas recently for the dedication of the John LaNoue Disaster Relief Complex—a 15,000-square-foot expansion of the Robert E. Dixon Mission Equipping Center.

“Turkey Guy” carries on 70-year children’s home tradition

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No noisy gobbles or flapping wings announced the arrival of Charles “Turkey Guy” Morris at South Texas Children’s Home Ministries before Thanksgiving. But there's been a Turkey Guy delivering turkeys to Baptist children’s homes for 70 years.

Journey of loss, grief, faith for Selah singer’s family

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Angie Smith and her husband, Todd, who sings with the Dove Award-winning group Selah, have experienced tragic loss and grief, but they insist their faith sustained them through life’s hardest moments.

Pasadena church keeps baptistery waters stirred

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Most churches would be happy to say they baptized 100 people during a year. But First Baptist Church in Pasadena expects to baptize 100 more than last year. 

Hardin-Simmons University provides toys for children

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Students at Hardin-Simmons University filled bins in university dorms with donated toys, and some gave money so toys could be purchased for five families with children enrolled at Johnston Elementary School in Abilene.

Faith Digest: Clergy have middling reputation

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What do nurses, soldiers, pharmacists, elementary school teachers, doctors

and police officers have in common? Americans say they all are more ethical and honest than members of the clergy, according to a new Gallup survey.

Christmas Loss: Suggested Reading

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Pastors recommended the following books as particularly helpful to people who have experienced loss and to Christians who are seeking to minister to them.

Joy and happiness not the same thing, pastors insist

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Christians can experience joy even in loss—provided they don't confuse joy with happiness but accept it as a gift from God, several pastors noted.