

‘Compelled to Serve’ theme of BGCT annual meeting

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WACO—“Compelled to Serve” is the theme when Texas Baptists gather for the 134th Baptist General Convention of Texas [annual meeting](#), Nov. 17-19 at the Waco Convention Center.

Texas Baptists will emphasize the theme through keynote speakers, workshops on evangelism and discipleship, worship times and business sessions.



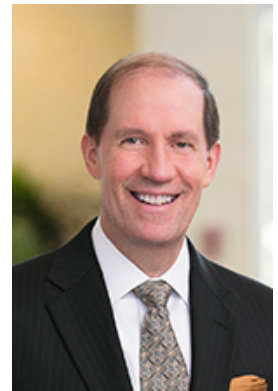
David Hardage

“Our annual gathering is such a special time for the Texas Baptist family to join together in fellowship,” BGCT Executive Director David Hardage said. “This year’s focus on evangelism and discipleship is much needed and will strengthen our churches, ministry partners and convention staff for important ministry in the days to come.”



Victor Rodriguez

Featured speakers include Duane Brooks, pastor of [Tallowood Baptist Church](#) in Houston; Victor Rodriguez, Hispanic evangelism associate and discipleship specialist for Texas Baptists; and Michael Evans, BGCT president and pastor of [Bethlehem Baptist Church](#) in Mansfield.



Duane Brooks

Worship leaders include the [Singing Men of Texas](#); Dan Baker, minister of music at First Baptist Church in Amarillo; the [Texas Country Boys](#), a country gospel music band; and Jared Billups and the worship team from [Highland Baptist Church](#) in Waco.



Pastor Michael Evans

Texas Baptists' Hispanic and African American ministries will host worship rallies on Sunday evening. The Hispanic Rally will be at First Baptist Woodway, and the African American Rally is hosted by Greater Ebenezer Baptist Church.

During business sessions, messengers will elect officers and vote on the 2020 proposed budget, nominations for affiliated boards and ministries, resolutions and other matters. For more information on items of business, click [here](#).

About two dozen [workshops](#) will be offered on topics including evangelism, preaching, missional culture, foster care ministry, new believer discipleship and church revitalization.

Attendees who visit exhibit halls throughout the three-day event can learn more about Texas Baptists resources, partnering ministries and institutions, as well as enjoy opportunities for networking and fellowship.

Multiple [meals and receptions](#) will be hosted by Texas Baptists' ministries and partners.

During the [Texas Baptist Missions Foundation Awards Luncheon](#) on Nov. 18, awards will be presented to Lee and Ruthie Baggett; [Faith in Action](#)

[Initiatives](#) at Baylor Scott & White Health; and [Mission Waco – Mission World](#).

Texas Baptist churches can pre-register messengers online [here](#). Additionally, messenger cards can be requested by calling (888) 244-9400. All sessions are open to visitors, who can register on-site at the registration desk.