

# Glenn Lackey nominee for BGCT second VP

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Glenn Lackey of Temple, founding co-president of [First Blessing](#) ministry, will be nominated for second vice president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Pastor Joshua Murray of Canyon Creek Baptist Church in Temple will nominate Lackey at Texas Baptists' Family Gathering in McAllen, July 16-18.

Lackey is the second announced nominee for the position. Last month, Pastor Matt Homeyer of Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio, announced his intention to nominate [Debbie Potter](#), minister of children at Trinity Baptist.

## 'Passion for evangelism'

Murray characterized Lackey—a retired shoe company executive who now leads a ministry that enables church volunteers to provide children in need with new shoes—as “a good fit” for a leadership role in the BGCT.

“Glenn’s passion for evangelism is contagious,” Murray said.



Rick Sallee helps a young First Blessing participant try on shoes during an event at Miller Heights Baptist Church in Belton. (Photo by Nan Dickson)

Lackey possesses the “qualities, dedication and vision necessary to effectively serve our convention,” Murray said, pointing particularly to [First Blessing](#), the ministry Lackey and his wife Deborah founded.

“First Blessing provides churches across Texas with the opportunity to share the love of Christ by providing resources and facilitating shoe ministry events. These events present opportunities for members of the church to engage in meaningful conversations with families in their local communities they might not encounter otherwise,” he said.

“As a former executive in the corporate sector, he is skilled in strategic planning, organizational development and effective communication. These qualities, along with his unwavering faith and commitment to Baptist values, make him an ideal candidate for this position.”

## **Voice for small churches, lay leaders**

At age 75, Lackey said he wants to use what he has learned to strengthen and equip Texas Baptist churches to find innovative ways to share the

gospel.

“I don’t believe in Christian retirement,” he said.

Lackey said his passion is helping churches—particularly smaller churches with limited resources—discover how to be intentional about engaging members to reach the unchurched in their communities.

“I want to be a voice for small churches and bivocational pastors,” he said.  
“I want to be a voice for lay leaders.”

Having worked extensively with African American, Hispanic and Asian churches through First Blessing, Lackey said he also wants to strengthen the cultural, racial and ethnic diversity in the BGCT.

“Glenn will work tirelessly to encourage collaboration, implement innovative ideas and provide support to pastors, churches and individuals throughout the Texas Baptist community,” Murray said.

Lackey worked 25 years in the shoe business, retiring as an executive with experience in multi-store retail sales management.

His local church experience includes serving as life group leader, youth leader, committee chair and leader in prison ministry.

He and his wife Deborah have four adult sons.