

# **Incumbent Danny Reeves nominee for BGCT president**

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Danny Reeves, pastor of First Baptist Church in Corsicana, will be nominated for a second one-year term as president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

“He is a great leader and a great man of God,” said Bobby Bell, a district judge in Victoria, announcing his intention to nominate Reeves at the BGCT annual Nov. 12-14 in Waco. The two became close friends when Reeves was Bell’s pastor at First Baptist Church in Edna, he explained.

“Danny has a remarkable ability to lead people,” Bell said. “He is the kind of leader who will get in there and push the rock up the hill alongside his people. He inspired me to do things that were far outside my comfort zone.”

Bell described Reeves as “a super person” of exemplary character with “an intellect that is off the charts.”

## **‘Opportunity to challenge and encourage’**



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Reeves characterized his service to Texas Baptists the past year as both an honor and a joy.

“I have enjoyed the opportunity to challenge and encourage our people and to represent such an incredibly Spirit-empowered, kingdom-minded entity as the BGCT,” Reeves said.

He particularly expressed gratitude for being able to speak to students in chapel services at Texas Baptist universities, presenting the vision of the Baptist mission and the shared ministries of the BGCT.

In the midst of “a catastrophic social environment,” Reeves said, he has made it a point to remind Texas Baptists, “Christ is still the answer.”

## **Service through ministry and missions**

Looking at ways he sees God at work in the state convention, he pointed to the BGCT’s [Missionary Adoption Program](#), through which Texas Baptist churches partner with indigenous missionaries in Brazil’s Amazon rain forests.

As the Missionary Adoption Program continues to grow and expand, Reeves believes it has the capacity to “breathe a lot of life” into congregations in Texas and around the world.

Looking both at Texas Baptists’ achievements in the past year and at challenges for the year ahead, Reeves mentioned disaster relief, recovery and rebuilding in the aftermath of [Hurricane Harvey](#).

“We are seeing the Texas Gulf Coast being put back together again by the church—and to a large extent, it is being done by Baptists,” he said.

“Over the course of the next year, Texas Baptists will continue to be a part of rebuilding. It will happen through personal involvement—one Christian at a time, one group at a time and one church at a time.”

Reeves grew up in Monahans, where he was ordained by Southside Baptist Church.

He earned his undergraduate degree at Howard Payne University and both his master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees from Baylor University’s Truett Theological Seminary.

He has been senior pastor at First Baptist in Corsicana since 2011. Previous pastorates include First Baptist churches in Edna and McGregor. He also served on staff at churches in Mart, Big Lake and Blanket.

He and his wife, Charissa, have three children—Courtney, Emily and Ryan.