

# **Lubbock pastor Pardue nominee for BGCT 2nd VP**

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Adam Pardue, pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Lubbock, will be nominated for second vice president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Pastor Jason Burden of First Baptist Church in Nederland, a past president of the BGCT, will nominate Pardue at Texas Baptists' annual meeting Nov. 10-12 in Waco.

Pardue served as associate pastor at First Baptist in Nederland alongside Burden before accepting the pastorate of Highland Baptist in March 2012.

"He has an awesome family. His character is unimpeachable. And he is a person of good cheer and vision who will be of great service to our state convention," Burden said.

Burden characterized Pardue as "a product of BGCT investment" in higher education.

After completing his undergraduate degree in music from Lamar University, Pardue earned a master's degree in Christian ministry from Wayland Baptist University and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Hardin-Simmons University's Logsdon Seminary.

He also earned a Master of Divinity degree from B.H. Carroll Seminary, which is slated to merge with East Texas Baptist University.

Burden also characterized Pardue as "a great contributor to Texas Baptists" through his involvement as a church health coach, helping other congregations work through the [Pave church revitalization](#) strategy.

“I want to see church health emphasized,” Pardue said, noting his desire to see Texas Baptists help churches that have plateaued or suffered decline. “I have a heart for it.”

## **Wants to ‘have a voice’ in the process**

Given events at the national level in Baptist life, he sees this as a key time for Texas Baptists to discern their direction moving forward.

“I would like to have a voice in shaping that direction and to be a part of that process,” he said.

Having chaired the BGCT Committee to Nominate Executive Board Members and the Committee on the Annual Meeting, Pardue said, he even enjoys Texas Baptist committee work.

“I love Texas Baptists. Serving on convention committees, you’re dealing with people who have the same love you do and who believe in the work that is going on,” he said. “I love to be around other Christian brothers and sisters.”

In addition to his BGCT service, Pardue also has served on the board of Lubbock Area Baptist Association.

Ten years before he became senior pastor at Highland Baptist Church in Lubbock, he served four years as youth pastor at that same congregation.

Pardue served in staff roles at other Texas Baptist churches—minister of music and youth at Fellowship Baptist Church in Bridge City and at Proctor Baptist Church in Port Arthur, youth pastor at First Baptist Church in Port Neches and associate pastor at First Baptist in Nederland.

He and his wife Angie have been married 26 years. They have two daughters, Avery Ashford and Abbey Pardue, both Christian ministry

majors at Hardin-Simmons University, and a son-in-law, Blake Ashford.