

# **State board approves Bible-infused curriculum**

December 4, 2024

A majority of the Texas State Board of Education gave final approval Nov. 22 to a state-authored curriculum under intense scrutiny in recent months for its heavy inclusion of biblical teachings.

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# **‘Hope in the Heartland’ brings the gospel center stage**

December 4, 2024

Desiring to bring the gospel center stage through an evening of toe-tapping entertainment, award-winning songwriters and worship leaders Chris and Diane Machen, members of Preston Ridge Baptist Church in Frisco, wrote and produced “Hope in the Heartland.”

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# **Texas Baptist missions leader**

# Joy Fenner died at age 89

December 4, 2024

Joy Fenner, a Baptist missionary, Woman's Missionary Union of Texas leader and the first woman elected as president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, died Nov. 29 in Dallas. She was 89.

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# Conexión Esposas ministers to Hispanic pastors' wives

December 4, 2024

"Together, Faithful and Healthy" is the motto of Conexión Esposas, which includes retreats, conferences, connection groups and resources.

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# Conexión Esposas ministra a esposas de pastores hispanos

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"Juntos, fieles y saludables" es el lema de Conexión Esposas, que incluye retiros, conferencias, grupos de conexión y recursos.

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# **Baptists support Texas law regulating porn sites**

December 4, 2024

Three Baptist entities sign on to an amicus brief in support of Texas' regulation of porn websites, a case to be heard by SCOTUS on Jan. 15.

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# **2024 B.E.S.T. award recipients announced**

December 4, 2024

Texas Baptists' Office of Cooperative Program Ministry announced the winners of its 2024 Baptist Educators Serving Texans Award.

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# **Small Baptist association finds**

# **renewed purpose**

December 4, 2024

More than two hundred people in North Carolina, who continue to deal with the aftereffects of Hurricane Helene, will be warmer this Thanksgiving due to the generosity of a small Baptist association in Texas.

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# **CLC files complaint against retailers skirting lottery rules**

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Texas Baptists' CLC filed a complaint with the state attorney general's office last month against three lottery retailers for selling scratch-off tickets in violation of the Texas Lottery Commission's rules.

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# **Ministry helps widows overcome loss, find purpose**

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Overcomers, a ministry of First Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, encourages widows to overcome fear, anxiety, loneliness, doubt, adversity and worries about how to provide for themselves.

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# **Activist urges mercy for man convicted of killing pastor**

December 4, 2024

The spiritual adviser of Steven Nelson—who was convicted of murdering Arlington Pastor Clint Dobson and is scheduled for execution—not only is pleading for mercy from the state, but also grace from some of those most deeply wounded by his actions.

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# **Hedgepath installed as 14th president of Wayland**

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In a ceremony marked with tradition and faith, Donna Hedgepath officially was inaugurated as the 14th president of Wayland Baptist University, Nov. 18.