

Texas Baptists Committed leader says group has moved to “next level”

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A recent e-mail appeal from six former Baptist General Convention of Texas presidents encouraging attendance at the state convention’s annual meeting in McAllen and an announcement regarding a new blog devoted to historic Baptist principles marked the first—but not the last—efforts of Texas Baptists Committed to reconnect with Baptists in the state, said Michael Bell, chairman of the group’s board of directors.

Civil discourse endangered in U.S., Yale law professor says

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Democracy depends on something in short supply today in the United States—civil discourse involving people who disagree, author and legal expert Stephen Carter said.

Starr touts Christian education, announces \$100 million funding plan

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American higher education needs Christian institutions like Baylor University, and Christian higher education must find a better way to fund its programs, rather than continuing to increase students' financial burdens, Baylor President Ken Starr said.

Interview: Kenneth Starr on Baylor's BGCT ties, religious identity

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Baylor University will inaugurate Kenneth Starr as its 14th president Sept. 17. In an interview with the *Baptist Standard*, Starr talks about his administration and the future of the Texas Baptist university.

Hurricanes' damage, rebuilding left lasting mark

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Five years ago, a Category 3 hurricane made landfall along the Gulf Coast, displacing thousands and causing billions of dollars in damage. It is forgotten by many because it occurred less than a month after an even larger catastrophe.

House of Hope provides safe harbor for shipwrecked lives

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Pastor Jim Parrish's Burning Hope Baptist Church in Trinity and its ministry to women both offer the same thing, and they put it right on the sign out front—hope.

ETBU students bless adopted

hometown through service projects

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First-time freshmen and transfer students at East Texas Baptist University volunteered their time for a community project day before they began attending classes.

BCFS, Laredo hospital offer young colonia residents a “healthy start”

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As part of its “Healthy Start” initiative in colonias along the Rio Grande, Baptist Child & Family Services has entered into a partnership with Doctors Hospital of Laredo to provide medical services through the agency’s comprehensive mobile medical unit.

Texas Baptists helping to plant churches in rocky mountain soil

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Some residents of Fort Collins, Colo., feel they have been “burned” by the church in the past, and consequently reject organized religion. Others have crafted their own belief system. Texas Baptists are helping church planters take an organic approach to church starting there—gradually building relationships and earning trust.

Texas Tidbits

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Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler exceeded its goal of finding “forever families” for at least 100 orphans through adoption and foster care.

On the Move

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Robert Burkhart to Southview Church in Manvel as associate pastor.

Around the State

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Houston Baptist University will hold an organ concert by Crista Miller in the Belin Chapel Sept. 24 at 8 p.m. to mark the first anniversary of the dedication of its Sherry and Jim Smith Organ.