

‘The Chosen’ convention brings thousands to Dallas

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More than 3,500 fans attended The Chosen Insiders Conference in Dallas recently to celebrate “The Chosen,” the popular film series about the life of Jesus and his followers in first-century Israel under Roman oppression.

Residency program focuses on calling out the called

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For the past six years, First Baptist Church in Burleson has helped the next generation to discern God’s call and provided space for them to grow in ministry.

Two transformed lives intersect at Texas Death Chamber

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If Texas Death Row inmate William Keith Speer is executed as scheduled

Oct. 26, two men whose lives have been transformed by God will be present—one on the death chamber gurney and one in the adjacent viewing area.

Wayland wrestlers see feeding the hungry as their mission

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For Yireh Moreno, an 18-year-old freshman wrestler and student trainer at Wayland Baptist University, the desire to provide food to hungry people is based on personal family experience.

Attack poverty, not people living in it, speakers urge

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Middle-class social service providers and educators who try to communicate with people trapped in generational poverty might as well be speaking in a foreign language, Donna Beegle told participants at a Christian community development conference.

Guarneri wants BGCT to stay focused on mission

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The Baptist General Convention of Texas' executive director-elect believes the greatest challenge facing Texas Baptists and their greatest opportunity are closely related.

Interfaith friendships advance peace and religious freedom

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Interfaith friendships promote peacemaking and provide the foundation for faith freedom to flourish, longtime Texas Baptist pastor Bob Roberts told participants at a 21Wilberforce event.

Statement on School Choice Sunday

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Recently, Texas Governor Greg Abbott met with various religious leaders across the state via a teleconference advocating for Texas churches to declare October 15 “School Choice Sunday,” and urged them to promote “school choice” from the pulpit. Regardless of one’s view on the legislative proposal, a call from a government authority to intervene in Sunday worship goes beyond what any church body should accept or condone.

It is out of bounds for any representative of the government to co-opt a Sunday morning time of worship. A government’s request for churches to join a legislative agenda violates the conscience concerning religious liberty and the separation of church and state. Churches that too closely entwine with political affairs hamper both their Christian witness and citizenship responsibilities. Texas Baptists remain committed to the separation of church and state. Government should not interfere with the free exercise of religion, and no religion should depend on public tax dollars for support.

We encourage all citizens, including church members, to be informed on the various proposals before the state, and we also encourage all churches to protect their autonomy from interference by the state.

As the current and former Executive Directors of the Executive Board of the BGCT and joined by the current and former presidents of the convention, we offer our prayers and encouragement to Baptists in Texas and all citizens of goodwill to honor the separation of church and state while seeking the flourishing of all people made in the image of their Creator.

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TBM supplies water to Southeast Louisiana

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Texas Baptist Men sent more than 30,000 bottles of water and sports drinks to a suburb of New Orleans as salt water threatens the drinking supply of several parishes in Southeast Louisiana.

TBM brings escape room approach to discipleship

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Texas Baptist Men Discipleship brought a global cultural movement into the church to help participants move toward a more vibrant, calling-driven faith through the Escape Room Mission Experience.

BGCT leaders call Gov. Abbott's appeal 'out of bounds'

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Gov. Greg Abbott's call for churches to observe "School Choice Sunday" and for ministers to use pulpits to promote a voucher-style legislative proposal is "out of bounds," 21 past and present Baptist General Convention of Texas leaders said.

Churches benefit from the gifts

of people with disabilities

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Erik Carter believes the church needs the gifts people with disabilities bring to the body of Christ as much as those individuals need the church.