

Texas lawmakers face pressure in upcoming session

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When the 88th Texas Legislature convenes Jan. 10, Texas Baptist public policy watchdogs believe state lawmakers will resist intense pressure to expand gambling and approve some form of vouchers for private education.

BGCT reopens Inflation Relief Grant program

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The Baptist General Convention of Texas is reopening its Inflation Relief Grant program, thanks to a gift from First Baptist Church in Midland.

Death penalty diminishing in Texas but disparities remain

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Texas' use of the death penalty remained at a historically low level this year. Four of the five individuals executed in 2022 suffered from mental or

physical impairments or from childhood trauma, a report reveals.

Abbott probes NGOs accused of assisting border crossings

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Gov. Greg Abbott is seeking an investigation of nongovernmental organizations he believes may have assisted with illegal border crossings.

El Paso churches respond to surge of migrants

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Baptists in El Paso are joining other groups to respond to large numbers of migrants that can quickly and easily spiral into a humanitarian crisis.

TBM volunteers help bring special Christmas to family

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Christmas came a little early this year for a family in rural Weir, northeast of Georgetown. Like the first Christmas, it is a celebration that was months in the making and involved a large cast of characters.

Former Baylor star Griner released from Russian prison

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Brittney Griner, former Baylor University basketball star and two-time Olympic gold medalist for Team USA, was released Dec. 8 after nearly 10 months imprisoned in Russia.

Chandler returns to pulpit following leave of absence

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Matt Chandler returned to the pulpit of The Village Church after a leave of

absence brought on by “inappropriate messaging” with a woman on Instagram.

Pleasant Grove church focuses on serving its community

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At Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, focusing on meeting needs in the community has reshaped the congregation’s sense of mission.

Sex abuse expert says churches not following Christ

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Churches cannot follow Jesus and ignore victims of sexual abuse, Diane Langberg told the B.H. Carroll Theological Institute’s fall colloquy in Fort Worth.

New Beginnings partners for the sake of the gospel

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Pastor Joseph Fields and New Beginnings Baptist Church in Lewisville have a vision—to touch their community and show love by meeting basic needs.

Church attendance major factor in student faith maturity

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While peer influence is the top factor that leads Baylor University students to attain higher levels of faith maturity, attending a local place of worship also is a powerful predictor.