

# **Christians called to missional—not comfortable—lives**

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Christ calls his followers to missional lives, not lives of comfort and ease, speakers emphasized at the “Beyond Us ... From Neighborhoods to Nations” Missions Conference at First Baptist Church in Waco.

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# **Conclave attendees urged ‘never get over the gospel’**

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More than 640 leaders and volunteers for children, teen and young adult ministry gathered Oct. 6 and 7 at First Baptist Church in Arlington to worship and learn how to reach current and future generations for Christ and the church.

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# **Tony Evans will not return to lead Dallas megachurch**

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Dallas megachurch founder Tony Evans, who stepped back from leading his church due to an undisclosed “sin” he announced last year, will not return as pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship.

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# **Beautiful Hope Ministries aids trafficking survivors**

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University of Mary Hardin-Baylor sophomore Hannah Balkenbush founded Beautiful Hope Ministries in 2021 to raise awareness about human trafficking and to offer Christ-centered restoration to survivors.

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# **David Barton to advise Texas State Board of Education**

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David Barton, a conservative Christian activist who considers the

separation of church and state a myth, will serve as an “expert content adviser” to the Texas State Board of Education when it develops new state standards for teaching social studies.

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## **Deacon with a disability serves Lubbock church**

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Victor Reta, a member of Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock, lives with “very severe” aphasia, a language disability that affects one’s ability to speak and understand what others say. Even so, he serves in several capacities on Sunday mornings despite his disability.

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## **Singletary steps down as dean of Baylor social work school**

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Jon Singletary will cease to be dean of Baylor University’s Diana R. Garland School of Social Work, effective Oct. 15.

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# **Families file suit over Ten Commandments displays**

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More than a dozen Texas families filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court on Sept. 22 seeking to stop their school districts from displaying a state-prescribed version of the Ten Commandments in public school classrooms.

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# **BGCT board approves church insurance expansion**

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The Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board approved plans to expand its church property and liability insurance program beyond Texas Baptist churches.

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# **Baptist women in ministry gather to refill**

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With “You Can’t Pour from an Empty Cup” as their theme, Texas Baptist Women in Ministry gathered to discuss stress and burnout.

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# **Baylor workshop focuses on faith, disability and culture**

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Amy Julia Becker challenged ministry leaders, volunteers and education professionals to think differently about disabilities and the church.

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# **UMHB built on prayer throughout its history**

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From the first board meeting in 1845 to the quiet corners of campus where students still kneel in solitude, prayer has been the foundation of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.