

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

September 25, 2025

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.

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## **Ukraine retreat offers peace in midst of trauma**

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Leo Regheta led 160 pastors and their families for a weeklong retreat in prayer and a peaceful time with God along the Black Sea in Odesa, Ukraine.

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## **East Texas layman building children's home in India**

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Andrew "AJ" Ireton owns a small construction company in Van Zandt

County, but his clients know he won't be available for a couple of months. The Baptist layman will be building a children's home in eastern India.

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## **Church-starting leader JV Thomas dead at age 94**

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James Virgil "JV" Thomas Jr., who led Texas Baptists' church-starting initiatives to new heights, died Aug. 27 in Colleyville. He was 94.

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## **New laws about NDAs, education go into effect in Texas**

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Laws restricting nondisclosure clauses in sexual abuse settlement agreements and setting aside classroom time for prayer and reading religious texts in public classrooms are among statutes that went into effect Sept. 1.

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# **Singing Men of Texas journey to six Baltic countries**

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Over the past five decades, the Singing Men of Texas have participated in numerous mission trips, but the upcoming Baltic Sea tour marks a first for the musical group—presenting eight concerts in six countries.

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# **Pastor Strong Cohorts find ‘soul care’ at retreat**

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Pastor Strong Cohorts experienced “soul care” and community at a recent retreat in Buena Vista, Colo. It marked the conclusion of a ministerial health and spiritual development process for the 47 Texas Baptist church leaders that began in April.