

# **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.

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# **Federal district judge blocks Ten Commandments mandate**

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A federal district judge in San Antonio blocked implementation of a law mandating the display of a prescribed version of the Ten Commandments in every Texas public school classroom.

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# **Singing Men of Texas mark**

# **50th anniversary**

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The Singing Men of Texas celebrated their 50th anniversary Aug. 15 with a concert at Riverbend Centre in Austin.

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# **Baylor group takes time before school to help flood victims**

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Four students, 17 faculty and staff members, and one alumnus from Baylor University spent a day alongside Texans on Mission volunteers rebuilding homes in flood-devastated San Angelo.

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# **Mexia church experiences new life after dry season**

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Earlier this year, there was dirt in the baptistery at First Baptist Church in Mexia. That's how long it had been since it had been used.

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# **Richardson marriage ministry delivers community impact**

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First Baptist Church of Richardson went without a marriage ministry several years. In 2024, Pastor Ronny Marriott decided it was time to make a change.

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# **Eastland pastor Kevin Burrow nominee for BGCT president**

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Kevin Burrow, senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Eastland, will be nominated for president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at Texas Baptists' annual meeting, Nov. 16-18 in Abilene.

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# **Doubter finds way back to faith after deconstruction**

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Kara Griffis recalled how, as a university student in the late 1990s studying religion and history, she began to experience “contagious doubts” about her faith.

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# **Lawmaker calls redistricting exodus an act of faith**

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Rep. James Talarico, a seminarian who has joined dozens of other Democratic state legislators in leaving Texas to oppose mid-decade redistricting efforts, said he views their protests as an act of faith, reflecting both his personal beliefs and his faith in democracy.

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# **Ray Gann mastered mass**

# feeding but found more

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After 20 years with Texans on Mission's state mass feeding unit, Ray Gann, 71, has retired as the unit's leader.