

Prominent Dallas pastor accepts BGCT post

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DALLAS—Jim Denison has resigned as senior teaching pastor at Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas to become founding president of the Center for Informed Faith and theologian-in-residence with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The new Center for Informed Faith is an independently financed ministry—funded by anonymous donors—that will have offices at the Baptist Building in Dallas.

As BGCT theologian-in-residence, Denison will provide theological resources for Texas Baptists through church conferences and seminars, Internet resources, BaptistWay Press publications and annual meeting workshops. He also will be available for pulpit supply and interim pastorates.

Jim Denison “This center is an exciting new venture,” said BGCT Executive Director Randel Everett. “It reflects an innovative approach to serving the needs of our churches in Texas while also being involved in ministry beyond the state. We pray that this will be a kingdom thing.”

Jeff Byrd will be director of the Center for Informed Faith. Byrd has resigned as associate pastor for missions at Park Cities Baptist.

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**Jim Denison talks about his new role
with the BGCT.**

“The mission of the center is to equip the church to reach the world,” Denison said. “The center will promote cultural engagement, spiritual renewal and practical discipleship. ... It will speak to current events from a Christian perspective.”

The center will work with a number of partners in doing ministry, including the BGCT, Dallas Baptist University, B.H. Carroll Theological Institute, Global Media Outreach, East-West Ministries International, the American Tract Society and others, Denison said.

Denison has been pastor of Park Cities Baptist since June 1998. Park Cities is one of the largest congregations in Dallas and one of the BGCT’s strongest supporters. Denison also has a ministry to more than 12,000 people through his daily e-mail called “God Issues Today.”

He holds doctorate and master’s degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and an honorary doctorate from DBU. Denison has written five books, *Wrestling with God: How Can I Love a God I’m Not Sure I Trust?*; *The Bible-You Can Believe It: Biblical Authority in the Twenty First Century*; *Myth and the Manger*; *Life on the Brick Pile: Answers to Suffering from the Letters of Revelation*; and *Seven Crucial Questions About the Bible*. He also writes an online teaching commentary for use with BaptistWay Press Sunday school curriculum.

Prior to serving Park Cities Baptist, Denison was pastor of churches in Atlanta, Midland and Mansfield.