

Texas Tidbits: Baptist pastor leads community march in Fort Worth

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Michael Bell, former president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and pastor of [Greater St. Stephen First Baptist Church](#), served as co-chair of a Unity in the Community Solidarity March in Fort Worth. Organizers—including the Fort Worth Black Law Enforcement Officers Association and ministers in the city—scheduled the march in the wake of racial unrest following the shooting of Michael Brown, an 18-year-old African-American, by a white police officer in Ferguson, Mo. Representatives from the Latino Police Officers Association and the Fort Worth Police Officers Association also participated and pledged their support. “The organizers expressed the fact that this is not a protest march but the beginning of a positive partnership between black law enforcement officers and Fort Worth’s black community,” Bell [wrote in an article](#) posted on social media.

Texas Baptist universities named ‘Military Friendly Schools.’ Five schools affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas—Dallas Baptist University, Hardin-Simmons University, Howard Payne University, the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and Wayland Baptist University—were named [“Military Friendly Schools”](#) by Victory Media, an organization that focuses on connecting the military and civilian worlds. The Military Friendly Schools designation provides service members transparent, data-driven ratings about post-military education and career opportunities. It is awarded to the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to support military students and to dedicate resources to ensure their success in the classroom

and after graduation.