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Hello, Texas Baptists! I had a wonderful time preaching at [Calvary Baptist Church](#) in Bryan recently and at [First Baptist Church](#) of Universal City in San Antonio.

☒ David Hardage I also attended the grand opening ceremony of [Baptist University of Americas'](#) new campus in San Antonio. These are indeed exciting days for the school and the students. Join me in praying for them as they make this transition.

Pastors, we need your help. The Baptist General Convention of Texas has been asked to apply for a grant from the [Lilly Endowment Inc.](#) to help pastors and the economic challenges they face. Money from the grant can go to grants for pastors and to help educate churches and pastors. We are gathering statistics for the application. Pastor, would you [take a five-question anonymous survey](#) to help in the application process? You will help hundreds of pastors with your participation.

Join me in welcoming Jason Bryant to our staff as the new western ☒ heritage consultant and church starter. Jason has served as pastor of Triple S Cowboy Church in Palestine since 2011, when he planted the church. He also was a church planter with 3C Cowboy Fellowship in Salado. Additionally, he has served as a clinician and director at Cowboy camps, as well as a coach for fellow pastors. [Read more about Jason.](#)

We are excited to announce [Texas Baptist Children's Missions Day](#) at the Baylor vs. SMU game Sept. 10 It's not too early to get discounted tickets

for your group. This event is sponsored by [Texas Baptists' childhood ministry](#), [Texas Baptist Men Royal Ambassadors](#) and [Woman's Missionary Union of Texas](#).

Don't miss our one-day [Boomer Life Rallies](#) coming soon. Baby boomers started turning 65 in 2011, and for the next 15 years, will continue doing so at the rate of 10,000 per day. Join experienced practitioners and meet other leaders at one of three one-day Boomer Life Rallies, Oct. 24, 25 and 26 for inspiration, encouragement, ideas, tools, tips and more for reaching and ministering to baby boomers and senior adults. More information can be found on our website.

The online registration site is up and running for the 2016 BGCT annual meeting. You can register on our website by [clicking here](#). The 2016 annual meeting is Nov. 13-15 at the Waco Convention Center. The theme will be "Celebrating Service."

We have some great speakers, such as Cleophus LaRue, and informative workshops on truth and culture by Jim Denison, apologetics by Mike Licon and Duane Brooks, New Testament studies by Todd Still and creative teaching methods by Tommy Sanders—just to name a few. Check our [website](#) for more information.

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