

# **In Touch: Nice tragedy, Mangum, Children's Missions Day, annual meeting, Lilly grant**

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Hello, Texas Baptists! Our Texas Baptist family joins other believers around the world in praying for all those impacted by the horrific tragedy in Nice. Our hearts grieve as violence and injustice continues. Reconciliation starts with us (Isaiah 1:17).

☒ David Hardage Texas Baptists recently lost a great friend and servant. Richard Mangum passed away suddenly at his home in Georgetown. He was one of our area representatives serving faithfully in Central Texas. Please join me in praying for Richard's family, as well as our Texas Baptist staff. He was a personal friend and great advocate for Texas Baptists.

We are excited to announce Texas Baptists' Children's Missions Day at the Baylor vs. SMU game Sept. 10. [Check out this website](#) for details on how to get discounted tickets for your group. This event is sponsored by the Texas Baptist childhood ministry, Texas Baptist Men Royal Ambassadors and Woman's Missionary Union of Texas.

Mark your calendars—2016 [Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting](#) ☒; Nov. 13-15; Waco Convention Center; theme—"Celebrating Service."

The annual meeting will feature some great speakers, like 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. Stayed tuned for more information.

We need your help. The BGCT has been asked to apply for a grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. to help pastors with the economic challenges they face. Money from the grant can go to support pastors, as well as education for churches and pastors. We are gathering statistics for the application. Pastors, would you take a five-question anonymous survey [at this link](#) to help in the application process? Thank you! You will help hundreds of pastors with your participation.

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