

# **Editorial: Together: Texas Baptists at their best**

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Texas Baptists can be a lot of fun when they come together as they did this week at the Family Gathering in Arlington. As friends reunited, one might have heard Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World:" "I see friends shaking hands, saying, 'How do you do?' They're really saying, 'I love you.'"

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## **Chad Chaddick: 'Love reaches the whole person, and ministry must too.'**

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Chad Chaddick, pastor of First Baptist Church in San Marcos, shares his background and thoughts on church and ministry.

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## **Voices: How disconnected BGCT**

# **pastors can reconnect with national Baptist groups**

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Pastors associating with the BGCT for convictional reasons face a challenge. Many BGCT pastors do not feel at home in either the Southern Baptist Convention or the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the two national Baptist bodies connected to BGCT churches.

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## **Commentary: How partisanship drives religious attitudes, and not the other way around**

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“It may seem counterintuitive, if not downright implausible, that voting Democrat or Republican could change something as personal as our relationship with God,” Michele Margolis wrote in a recent New York Times op-ed. “But over the course of our lives, political choices tend to come first, religious choices second.”

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# **Commentary: The culture wars need to make a safe space for soccer star's conscience**

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We need to turn down the temperature in the culture wars. We need to resist the penetration of ideological polarization into matters of conscience. We should reject an insistence on consensus that subverts our national ethic of respect for minority views, and we should be suspect of the corporate machines that profit from these easy affirmations.

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## **Middle East: Digging up rocks**

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Student missions blog: The Muslim call to prayer cuts through this city five times a day. I should be used to it by now, but it still catches me off guard every time.

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## **Philippines: Overwhelming**

# **experiences**

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Student missions blog: I reluctantly agreed to go with a friend to her church's outreach in a less-fortunate area of the city. I was tired from working the day shift at the clinic, but I decided it would be fun to try something new.

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## **Editorial: In an age of misdirection, what is truth?**

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"In an age of misdirection, it is critical we know who defines truth, faith and salvation."

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**Randel Trull: 'Ministry, especially evangelism, must be much more intentional than**

# **traditional'**

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Randel Trull, director of missions for the Harmony-Pittsburg Baptist Association in Pittsburg, Texas, shares his background and thoughts on church and ministry.

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## **Commentary: At age 86, Pete knew someone would lead him to God**

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"The follow-up visits with Pete changed my life. ... Pete was 86 years old when he accepted Christ."

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## **Commentary: Democrats for Life of America gather 'round a**

# **message: ‘We want our party back’**

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“A small but determined band of happy warriors, pro-life Democrats are some of the most interesting figures in American politics. Their continued existence in spite of marginalization by the party poses serious questions that the American political system cannot ignore.”

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# **Interview: Rethinking apologetics for the black church**

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“A lot of this [apologetics] material wouldn’t appeal to a lot of people in black churches because the illustrations aren’t relevant, and some of the issues aren’t as relevant. There needs to be a bridge builder.”