## Hedgepath elected as first woman to lead Wayland

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Wayland Baptist University named Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president of academic affairs at Campbellsville University in Kentucky, as president-elect.

# Pressler a 'monster' and a 'predator,' SBC attorney tweets

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In a series of social media posts, the attorney who has represented the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee the past two years described Paul Pressler as "a monster" and a "dangerous predator who exploited boys."

#### Baptists in Belarus voice

#### concern about new law

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Both registered and unregistered Baptists in Belarus voiced concern about a bill recently signed into law requiring all registered religious communities to reregister or face punishment for illegal religious activity.

### Neither Nigeria nor India cited for serious violations

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In spite of a Christmas Eve massacre of about 200 Nigerian Christians and evidence of India's growing transnational repression of religious minorities, neither nation was designated as a Country of Particular Concern by the U.S. Department of State.

## Baptists among Nigerians killed in Christmas Eve attacks

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A Baptist pastor and his wife were among nearly 200 Nigerians killed in a series of coordinated attacks that began Christmas Eve.

#### Round Rock church presents Christmas on the Corner

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Over the course of two weekends earlier this month, about 6,000 people attended outdoor live Nativity presentations in downtown Round Rock—including some who said they learned about the events surrounding Jesus' birth for the first time.

## Pastor puts beard on the line for Peru mission project

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Pastor John Brandt agreed to shave off his beard if First Baptist Church raised at least \$20,000 for a mission project in Peru. The church gave \$26,000—more than enough to drill two water wells.

## Texas in the minority in regard to capital punishment

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Texas was one of only five states that carried out executions this year and one of only seven that imposed new death sentences, the Death Penalty Information Center reported.

### TBM volunteers witness weight of war on Israeli civilians

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"There's an obvious weight of war that sits over the country all the time," said Doug Hall, a TBM volunteer who served in Israel. "It affects everyone."

## Texas has second-highest food insecurity in the nation

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Food insecurity increased significantly in the United States last year, and Texas has the second-highest rate of food insecurity in the nation, a recent

### Baylor regents OK funds for Memorial to Enslaved Persons

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Baylor University regents approved \$6.3 million to fund a "Memorial to Enslaved Persons" as an addition to Founders Mall.

#### First TBM volunteers return from Israel

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The first two teams of TBM volunteers in Israel are returning home after providing more than 30,000 meals since the war began. But it isn't war that dominates their conversation. They talk about the faith that motivated them and the people they encountered.