

Willimon offers Advent reminders to Texas pastors

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Advent should remind justice-minded Christians their “yearning” and “longing for more” is rooted in the awareness God’s kingdom has come, but it also is yet to come, theologian Will Willimon told religious leaders on a Zoom call convened by Pastors for Texas Children.

Decline of religion remains stalled, but no revival yet

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A decades-long religious decline remains stalled for now, according to a report based on data from two Pew Research Center surveys. However, young Americans remain less religious than their parents or grandparents, with just over half (55 percent) claiming a religion.

Voices: Where are Texas

Baptists' Hispanic graduates?

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Dr. Gabriel Cortés shares a glimpse of where many Hispanic graduates of Texas Baptists-affiliated schools are now and may be in the future.

Indian Christians call for religious freedom protections

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Two thousand Christians gathered in India in November to urge the government to protect religious freedoms as violence and legalized discrimination increase in the world's most populous country.

Religious dissidents subjected to mistreatment in prison

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Oppressive governments not only violate freedom of religion by imprisoning adherents of disfavored religions, but also subjecting them to harassment and even torture during their incarceration, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom reports.

Faith groups part of anti-death penalty campaign

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More than 50 faith, civil rights and other organizations launched a joint initiative to oppose the death penalty in the United States as the groups' leaders say they have been alarmed by increases in its use over the past year.

Editorial: Don't rush past yesterday

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Yesterday may be gone, but its importance is still alive and well, informing our today and tomorrow. We must reflect on it with a purpose.

Voices: Forgiveness: 70 times seven

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Johnny Teague shares a story from his church about forgiveness and discipleship.

Nigerian president declares security emergency

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Nigeria's president responded to a surge in violence and abductions by declaring a nationwide security emergency, ordering the massive recruitment and deployment of law enforcement officers and armed forces personnel.

Coppell church's Christmas Store serves families

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For one week each December, the fellowship hall at Valley Ranch Baptist

Church in Coppell turns into a Christmas shopping destination through its annual “Christmas Store.”

Operation Christmas Child volunteers go the distance

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Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving served as an Operation Christmas Child collection site in November. For many volunteers at the church, collecting the shoeboxes filled with gifts has become a Christmas tradition.

Ken Camp, longtime Baptist journalist, to retire

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Baptist Standard Managing Editor Ken Camp will retire Dec. 31, 2025, bringing to a close a decades-long era of reporting on Texas Baptists.