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In July, I had the privilege of leading a group of 128 pastors and their wives to Israel. I must admit, it was one of the highlights of my ministry.

One day while visiting Bethlehem, we stopped at a gift shop. While our group was shopping, the owner of the tour company we went with asked me to find a small gift to take back for my office. As I perused the store, I really wanted to choose something that exemplified my calling. I really wanted one of David killing a lion with his bare hands, but that's not what I do. I then found one of Jesus carrying a sheep on his shoulders—a picture of the Shepherd carrying His sheep. I loved it, but that is not what I do (that is a more accurate picture of a pastor).

After searching for a while, I found the one that best represents my calling. It is a beautiful carving of Jesus on his knees washing the feet

of Peter. This was it. This exemplifies what I live for—to serve with humility.

If there is anything I have learned about leadership, it's this: success makes you a more confident leader, failure makes you a more cautious leader, but humility makes you a better leader. Serving in any leadership capacity can be challenging. The stress and anxiety of day-to-day decisions often weigh heavy on the hearts and minds of leaders. The ever-changing culture adds to the complexities of leading. However, with the right mindset and posture of heart, leaders can excel in advancing the mission.

I want to suggest two principles to live by in leading with humility:

Realize our position

It is easy as you progress in your calling to become more self-confident and less self-aware. Oftentimes, success brings great things into your life: expanded influence, job promotions, salary raises, and a lot of affirmation. These are all good things. However, if we are not careful, it also brings pride, arrogance, a lack of concern for others, and a loss of gratitude.

We must remember what 1 Peter 5:6 says: “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you.” As we lead forward, it is imperative to realize our position. Humility comes from a heart that is postured in submission to God. It comes from people who know they are nothing apart from the hand of God on their lives.

Honor others

One of my favorite verses is found in the second part of Romans 12:10: “Outdo one another in showing honor.” Leaders excel in this principle when they are secure in who they are in Christ. When you lead with humility, you desire to honor those in your life. Paul challenges the church in Rome not only to honor others but to outdo each other in showing honor. What a principle to live and lead by! As you lead forward in humility, find ways to honor the people God brings into your life.

Leading is challenging, but doing so with humility is fulfilling. I encourage you as you lead to position your mind and heart to do so with humility. It will change your life and allow you to serve with joy and gratefulness. I love you and am humbled to serve you!

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Biblical engagement is not a lost cause

A few months back, the American Bible Society released its latest “State of the Bible” survey. As has been the case over the preceding decades, the metrics that measure Bible engagement are increasingly trending downward.

Four in 10 Americans say they ever read the Bible outside church, and only two in 10 say they read it twice a year or less. Only 10% of all Americans read the Bible daily, and the sum of all the numbers reported in this latest report, according to ABS, represent “a major shift away from personal Bible reading.”

I don’t know a single Christian who wouldn’t be troubled by these numbers, but I fear we’ve grown calloused when we hear them because we just don’t know what to do about it. So what can we do to reverse these trends?

Here are a few recommendations:

Emphasize Bible study over topical study

There’s nothing wrong with topical teaching, and it can be done well. People need to know what the Bible says about marriage, gender, conflict, finances, and more. But if topical teaching or preaching is all we ever do, we may unintentionally create generations of people who are culturally literate while being biblically illiterate.

When done poorly, topical teaching and preaching can lead to proof-texting instead of a thorough exegetical study of the Scriptures. In reality, the Bible should always speak

first and never be used as secondary material.

Be careful teaching application

We sometimes have a tendency when we preach and teach of not only providing a summary of all our research for that particular sermon or lesson, but of telling our listeners all the ways we think they should apply the biblical principles to their lives.

We run the risk of making (at least) two errors when we do this. First, we train our people that there’s no need for them to personally engage and interact with God’s Word because they know we’ll tell them everything they think they need to know. And maybe even worse, we risk playing the role of the Holy Spirit, who is the only one who can guide us into a right understanding of how God’s unchanging Word applies to the ever-changing situations that will arise in our lives.

Don’t get me wrong—good Bible teaching will walk people into a space where they learn how to apply God’s principles to their lives. We just need to be careful to leave the Holy Spirit space to speak to Bible learners, as well.

Read the Bible with other people

One of the easiest methods of Bible study has seemingly become a lost art: simply reading the Bible together out loud. Sometimes our good intentions to follow strategies, measure discipleship growth arcs, and present compelling lessons with impactful illustrations have the potential to complicate something God did not intend to be complicated: discerning His Word.

When was the last time you sat down with a group of other Christians, read a passage of the Bible out loud, and then asked each other, “What might God be trying to communicate to us through this passage?” It really could be that simple.

What works in one church context may not work in another. Regardless, we must continue to try *something* in whatever context we find ourselves to raise the level of biblical engagement. I’m not sure there’s a greater heirloom we can pass down to future generations of Christ-followers than the ability to ably handle the Word of God for themselves.

Getting a good read on the rest of the year

It's September, so there are four months to go in 2022. Do you have a reading plan to finish the year well? As I think about my own reading for the rest of the year, I always like to read at least one book that's short and practically helpful. If you think the same way I do, here are five short books I encourage you to consider:



01

Prayer: How Praying Together Shapes the Church

by John Onwuchekwa (137 pgs)

We know we need to pray, but we often don't know how to get started or keep it going. This little book is especially helpful in building prayer into your church. It's filled with ideas, examples, and challenges that will make a difference in your life, your small group, and your church.



02

The Money Challenge: 30 Days to Discovering God's Design for You and Your Money

by Art Rainer (148 pgs)

My wife, Pam, and I work hard to be wise and generous without finances, but we've learned the hard way. Had we read this resource when we first married more than 31 years ago, we would have made even wiser decisions. Reading this book—and guiding your church to join you—will strengthen your church's ministry efforts.

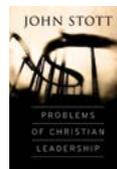


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Problems of Christian Leadership

by John Stott (95 pgs)

I review this abridged version of other writings of the famous pastor at least every other year. Not all of it applies directly to me (e.g., one chapter is about being a leader when "comparatively young"—which I'm probably not anymore), but I always remember something of value. Other chapters deal with discouragement, self-discipline, and relationships.

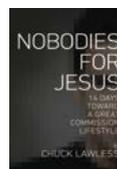


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Nobodies for Jesus: 14 Days to a Great Commission Lifestyle

by Chuck Lawless (108 pgs)

Forgive the self-promotion, but this book describes what I believe we must do to be evangelistic people again: be filled with wonder over Jesus like we were when He first saved us. Evangelistic programs and processes simply don't work well when we've lost our amazement over the Savior—or when we're amazed over ourselves.



05

The Art of Turning from Sin to Christ for a Joyfully Clear Conscience

by Kevin DeYoung (40 pgs)

No matter how long I've been a believer, I'm still learning. I don't always pay sufficient attention to my God-given conscience. Sometimes I let the enemy lead me too far into self-condemnation. This really short book is packed with guidance if you face any of these types of battles. It's simple. It's clear. It's freeing.



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GLADEWATER

When God called Teddy Sorrells to plant a church in 2020, he expected to be sent to San Francisco or Denver, one of the popular church planting cities. Instead, a quick demographics study led him to plant in the small East Texas town he'd been trying all his life to leave.

"I was born in Gladewater. I joined the Army to leave Gladewater. I came back to Gladewater and raised my sons here. I pastored a little country church just south of Gladewater. I thought, 'Now is the time for me to leave Gladewater,'" Sorrells said.

At his wife Marilyn's prompting, Sorrells requested demographics data on Gladewater from the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. "I didn't think I was going to read through it and find anything surprising because I'd been in Gladewater my whole life," he said.

God used two statistics in particular about the town of 8,000 to grab Sorrells's attention: half of the town's residents are millennials or Gen Z, and a quarter of the homes are led by single mothers.

"Marilyn was raised by a single mom. I was raised by a single mom. These families are next-generation families that need a church that will love them and care for them and minister to them," said Sorrells, who was saved and called to the ministry 20 years ago at age 29.

He was surprised to learn of so many younger residents because he doesn't necessarily see them around town, he said. Maybe that's because 83 percent of homes in Gladewater are rentals housing laborers who commute to nearby Longview or Tyler.

With a strong motivation to plant in Gladewater, Sorrells began building a core group and casting a vision. "I put the word out, and real fast God started



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bringing folks that were either in my past or folks that I had known just by acquaintance that wanted to be a part of what we were going to do.”

Living Water Church launched in September 2021 with 122 people attending the first day.

Something unique is that they started with a building and with two services. Sorrells had driven by a Family Video store in Gladewater and mentioned to Marilyn that he didn’t see how they could stay in business with so few people renting videos anymore.

Days later, a “going out of business” sign appeared, and Sorrells was able to lease the building for his church plant. Now the church has a prime location on the main road in Gladewater.

“God has met and exceeded every expectation we’ve set in planting Living Water Church.”

Also, the worship space accommodates 70 chairs, so two services allow room for growth. Living Water is averaging 70 people between the two services now, and they’ve baptized eight people.

“One of the things I wanted to do was partner with our city,” Sorrells said. “I wanted people to come to our church on Sundays, but I wanted people to know us by what we’re doing in our city.”

They’ve had multiple block parties, and for teacher appreciation week they provided food for teachers at the local middle school and gave them gift baskets.

Sorrells was invited to be the chaplain for the high school football team.

“It just blows me away how many students we have in Gladewater that have no idea who Jesus is,” he said. At the end of football season, the church hosted the players and coaches and offered games, food, a worship time, and a gospel presentation. Four students were saved and six rededicated their lives to Christ.

Sorrells contacted the local code enforcement office to ask if any residents were having trouble getting their homes in compliance. A missions team from a

(Top) Living Water Church in Gladewater has baptized eight people since its launch a year ago. They use a local lake for baptisms.

(Center) Teddy Sorrells, pastor of Living Water Church in Gladewater, tried to leave his hometown, but God set his heart on fire for the people there.

(Bottom) Block parties are one way Living Water Church in Gladewater is getting to know its community in order to share the hope of Christ.

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CHURCH PLANTING

partner church helped an elderly couple clean up their home and yard as “the hands and feet of Jesus.”

“Our city is impoverished, so there are like five housing projects in our city, and low-income earners live in our city,” Sorrells said. “There are not a lot of churches that are excited about reaching that demographic, but I am.”

Church planting is important even in a church-saturated small town like Gladewater, Sorrells has come to realize, because it’s biblical. God has called the church to advance the gospel, he said, and that means churches need to multiply exponentially.

The apostle Paul traveled to communities planting churches, Sorrells said, and that’s the model.

“That’s why it’s important to plant churches in places like Gladewater, Texas, where in the middle of the Bible Belt you have 100 churches in our area that are either plateaued or dying because



there hasn’t been a new work of God come through here in forever because we’ve quit multiplying,” Sorrells said.

“That’s small town and big town, rural and urban. All of those have the same problem: Lost people need Jesus, and God has called the church to go tell lost people about Jesus.”

The people of Living Water Church in Gladewater are actively reaching their community for Christ through service projects and other ways of interacting.

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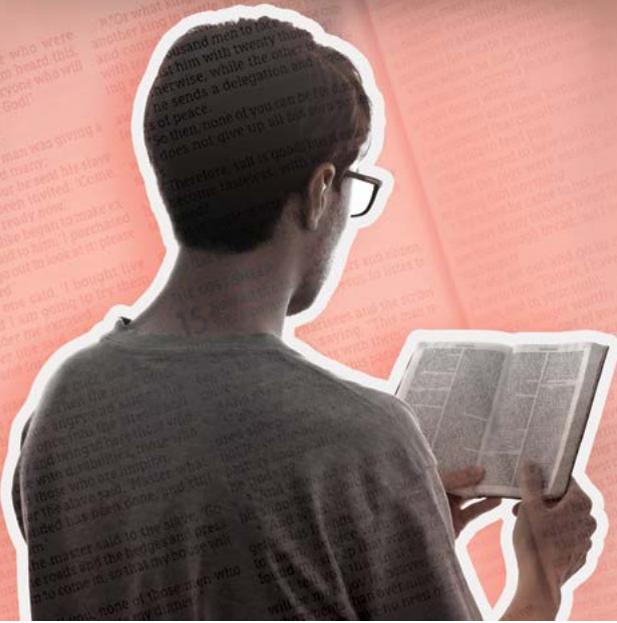
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God’s Word is worthy of our wholehearted devotion

One of the foundational beliefs we share as Southern Baptists concerns the nature of the Bible. Historic Christianity teaches that the origin of the Scriptures is not man, but God Himself. So when we hear the words of Scripture, we are hearing the voice of God.

That means the Bible is not merely a book that guides our faith; it is the book upon which our entire faith rests! Everything we believe about God, Jesus, and salvation is revealed in it, and without this biblical foundation, Christianity has no substance.

Millard Erickson states, “By inspiration of Scripture we mean that supernatural influence of the Holy Spirit on the Scripture writers which rendered their writings an accurate record of the revelation or which resulted in what they wrote actually being the Word of God.” F.F. Bruce gives a more concise definition: “The inspiration of Scripture is that operation of the Holy Spirit as a result of which words spoken or written by men are also the Word of God.” In essence, the human authors of the Bi-

ble were being supernaturally influenced by the Holy Spirit as they wrote, which means they were writing the words of God. This has been the commonly held conviction since the birth of Christianity.

Justin Martyr in the second century referred to the Bible as “the very language of God.” Later, in the fourth century, Gregory Nyssa described the Scriptures as “the voice of the Holy Spirit.” This sentiment was reinforced in the 16th and 17th centuries by the Protestant reformers. It’s important to note that those convictions concerning the Scripture did not originate with these church leaders, but rather echoed what the apostles believed and what the Bible reveals about itself.

Two of the numerous passages that clearly reveal the divine inspiration of Scripture are 2 Timothy 3:16 and 2 Peter 1:20-21. In the first, Paul refers to the Scriptures as “breathed out” by God. In the second, Peter describes the authors of Scripture as being “moved by the Holy Spirit” in their writing. The inspiration of the Scriptures leads to the logical conclusion that they are also authoritative. As John Feinberg says, “If God, the highest authority, has given us His Word, it must have authority over us.”

What does the authority of the Scriptures mean for us today? The answer is simple—obedience! If God’s Word is authoritative in nature, then it must be obeyed. Corneliu Constantineanu states it this way: “To live by the authority of Scripture means to allow ourselves to be permanently shaped and molded by the story of the Bible, especially as we are constantly tempted to think and to do as the world does! It is only the Scriptures that can judge and redeem our own actions and lives. That is why we should allow Scripture to teach us, to guide us, to bring us back to the biblical view of the purpose and meaning of life.”

The Bible is the source of truth that all other views and opinions are subservient to in our life. By the Spirit of God, the Word of God has a transformative effect on us. It is through the reading, obeying, and preaching of the Bible that the glory of God and the life He offers are revealed to humanity. God has given us this precious gift as the primary means by which we know Him, His will, and His redemptive work through Jesus. Let us know it, love it, live it, and proclaim it!

Carrollton pastor walked away from lucrative investment banking career for something far more compelling—God’s mission

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CARROLLTON

Ryan Lee wasn’t expected to live long as an infant. “He’ll be gone within a few weeks,” the doctor told Lee’s parents of the baby born in Suwon, South Korea. Despite the prognosis, Lee’s parents signed paperwork instructing the hospital to preserve their infant son’s life, even if he remained unconscious for the rest of his days.

Dr. Billy Kim, the prominent Korean Christian leader and the Lees’ pastor, prayed with Ryan’s mom in the hospital hallway. “If the baby is safe and well,” he asked Mrs. Lee, “will you give this baby to the Lord, so that the Lord can use him as His servant for the rest of his life?” Mrs. Lee said yes.

Ryan Lee, Korean name Eunsang Lee, came to Semihan Church in an atypical way: following a successful investment banking career and an Ivy League education.



“They were very eager to save me,” Ryan said recently. “Really, God touched my body and He healed me.” Within a month, against all medical expectations, Ryan was sent home healthy. He not only survived, but today pastors a sizeable Korean American congregation, Semiham Church in Carrollton, focused on planting new churches.

Before arriving in Carrollton, his journey took him from Korea to the corporate world of New York City and through the oldest and one of the most prestigious Ivy League universities in the country, Harvard. Through it all, Lee has learned that riches fade, but God’s Word endures.

From college to global financial crisis

As a youngster, Lee attended the Christian school founded by Pastor Kim, also a former Baptist World Alliance president who assisted Billy Graham during the evangelist’s Asian crusades. The rigorous curriculum, which Lee likened to that of

“Semiham Sing” featured talented church members this spring. The church’s main focus is multiplication and they have started additional congregations in California and Texas in partnership with Gangnam Joongang Baptist Church in South Korea.

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the most competitive college preparatory schools, readied him for further study.

He subsequently earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from Carleton College in Minnesota.

Although Lee had become a Christian in middle school after viewing the Jesus film, the pastorate was a long way off. He returned to Korea after college and worked as an investment banker specializing in mergers and acquisitions. By his mid-twenties, he was earning a six-figure salary with deals, such as his firm’s planned acquisition of a percentage of Lehman Brothers, promising much, much more.

Had the Lehman Brothers deal gone through, Lee’s bonus might have been \$15 million, he estimated. But the sub-prime mortgage crisis hit; financial institutions collapsed; and the acquisition fell through. Lehman Brothers would soon crater.

“Had I made that deal, I might never have become a pastor,” Lee said. “But fortunately, by the grace of God, that didn’t happen.”

He left banking for Manhattan in August 2008, where a deferred admission to graduate school at Columbia University awaited him.

That September, Lee learned that Bank of America acquired the last company he had worked for. Equally shocking, one day later he saw former employees—the “best and the brightest”—of Lehman Brothers’ New York office streaming into the subway, carrying boxes of personal items.

“Their faces were hopeless; their eyes lost focus,” Lee recalled. God brought Isaiah 40:8 to mind: “The Word of our Lord endures forever.”

“The living and active Word of God struck my heart, my mind, my soul. I couldn’t move,” he recalled. He told God, “I will work for that everlasting Word of God, your Scripture, your kingdom. All other kingdoms—the money mountain, the political mountain, the power

mountain—they’re all collapsing. The Word of God, the gospel, the Jesus message stands forever.”

On that subway train, he once again gave himself to the Lord.

From Cambridge to Carrollton

Fast forward: within a year Lee finished his master’s at Columbia. He met and married his wife, Sarah, in New York in 2010. The couple has two children.

While serving in a Korean church in Manhattan during his studies at Columbia, Lee led the welcome team. Using evangelical tools, he presented the gospel to newcomers who were not believers. Many accepted Christ as Savior, and Lee experienced another life-changing moment through what he calls the “true joy” of preaching the gospel.

Even as a successful investment banker, he was not satisfied. Seeing people trust Jesus, confess their sins, and accept Christ as Savior, brought real joy. Lee became wholly committed to a new “life-saving ministry, the gospel ministry.”

Sensing the call of God, he entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, earned a Master of Divinity, and was admitted to a doctoral program in systematic theology under the direction of Malcolm Yarnell, his advisor.

Instead, Lee chose Harvard—for a few reasons: a full-ride scholarship and he wanted to understand theological liberals and liberalism.

His professional friends, he said, were not friendly to conservative theology or evangelical society, but they were open to liberal Christians, theologians, and churches.

“I really had to deal with liberals at some point,” Lee said. “I knew I had to go to more liberal schools so I could expose myself to liberal theology but still steadfastly hold on to the truth of the Word of God.”

While he encountered well-known secular thinkers there, Lee said he “became more Southern Baptist at Harvard than at any other place,” engaging in debates and discussions, presenting the evangelical perspective.

After studying religion at the Harvard Divinity School and politics at the Harvard Kennedy School, Lee returned to Southwestern Seminary for a Ph.D. in World Christian Studies.

Semihan Church

In 2018, Lee succeeded founder Lloyd B. Choi as pastor of Semihan Church in Carrollton. The church’s name means bringing the world, America, and Korea to Jesus Christ. The congregation is mostly Asian: primarily Korean and Korean American.

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RYAN LEE

Choi started Semihan in 2000 with 14 people. By 2022, registrants to the church’s YouTube channel numbered 6,800. Traditional membership, meaning those active in the church’s core small groups, numbers 2,000. Between in-person and online attendees, weekly attendance runs over 3,000. The Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex has about 100,000 Koreans and Korean Americans.

The church budget has grown substantially, too. “It’s all the grace of God,” Lee said.

He added that Semihan is at its core a church-planting congregation, planting churches in Houston and Irvine, Calif., and expanding to a second campus in Frisco to accommodate those coming from that city, McKinney, Plano, Prosper, and Celina. Semihan is also preparing to plant a church in Austin.

The Semihan philosophy is partly adopted from theologian Leonard Sweet’s four stages of church life: mission, ministry, maintenance, and museum—a model describing how churches move from creation to stagnation. To Sweet’s paradigm, Lee and Semihan have added a third “M” between “ministry” and “maintenance” to keep the church on mission: multiplication.

“The only way for a mega or bigger church to survive and maintain a healthy church is to multiply,” Lee said. Multiplication becomes an energizing movement.

“We often say we have to multiply disciples, make more disciples of Jesus Christ, but we don’t really say we must multiply church. Church should multiply church,” Lee said.

Thus Semihan’s focus, and what keeps its congregation engaged, is a firm focus on multiplication. And growth continues as a result.

Three things suffering is teaching me

“I’VE LEARNED TO KISS THE WAVES THAT THROW ME UP AGAINST THE ROCK OF AGES.”

This famous Spurgeon quote has been about the only thing on my mind lately, as I’ve found myself daily in a dark room, pleading with the Lord to lift the dark clouds. For the last eight months, I’ve not had the emotional, mental, or physical energy to fully love my wife, shepherd my two small kids, or pastor the flock God has given to me. Since October, the debilitating migraines I’ve experienced all day every day have taken everything out of me.

And because of this (not in spite of this), God is good. How? Because He brought me near and showed me a clearer picture of His love for me. For the second time in my life, God providentially allowed me to walk through intense physical suffering for His glory. Though there are countless lessons God is teaching me, here are three lessons I’m learning from physical suffering over the past year.

I’m learning to share my current burdens

In an attempt to not burden my members, I foolishly didn’t let people into my dark days until the clouds began to lift. Not only did I miss the opportunity for 68 members to pray alongside me, but I also missed the opportunity to model what it is to suffer well. I know the biblical command to bear one another’s burdens, but this assumes that the burdens are known (thus shared). As a burden-lifter who hates to be a burden-giver, I’ve learned that vulnerability with suffering opens doors to be carried by the hands and feet of God in prayer and care.

I’m learning to prioritize according to my limitedness

It took all my energy to simply focus at work. I would then get home completely depleted, yet called to give to and love my wife and kids. I had nothing to give to the three people that God called me to serve above all others. My wife helped me reorder my rhythms and reconsider my commitments to make sure that my responsibilities were given time and energy according to their priority. This means I had to say no to great opportunities, but it also forced me to trust and rest in God’s sovereignty and faithfulness to accomplish His purposes.

I’m learning to give patience

I’ve always known that patience is learned through tribulation (Romans 5; James 1). But this time, my lesson was not only in the patience I needed to receive, but also in the patience I needed to give. Those two are tied: I could not patiently parent a tired toddler without God’s patience. Because I cannot give what I don’t have, I depended daily on God’s provision for grace, patience, and love. God is still teaching me these principles. But as I continue to behold the cross of Jesus Christ, not only am I learning great lessons for my life, but I’m also finding great rest for my weary soul.



Michael Visy is pastor of Grace Church in Hewitt.



THE GIFT OF THE GOSPEL

Givers—and recipients—testify to the impact of Operation Christmas Child

PAMPA

In every church that Paul Beam has served, he has seen people rally around packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes with gifts for children to be distributed around the world.

“Our people enjoy simply filling a shoebox and letting the gospel go and do its work,” said Beam, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa. The 2022 National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child is November 14-21.

OCC is a project of the Christian international relief organization Samaritan’s Purse, reaching more than 198 million children in over 170 countries and territories since 1993.

The Pampa church also serves as a drop-off point for boxes packed by churches in half of West Texas. “This gives us some new opportunities in being able to provide joy to the hearts of boys and girls all over

the world,” Beam said.

Across the state at Calvary Baptist Church in Nacogdoches, Wanda Hightower is helping members gather hygiene items, toys, and school supplies to pack in boxes this fall.

“Besides helping a child with physical items, it enables them to hear the gospel,” she said. Some of their folks have crocheted small purses or pillowcase dresses for the boxes designated for girls.

Sunday school classes of all sizes, individuals, as well as families continue gathering supplies for the boxes that will be prepared at packing parties in churches. Samaritan’s Purse offers online resources explaining how to pack a box, as well as giving the option to assemble a box online.

After being transported from local churches to regional drop-off stations, the boxes will go to Colleyville—one of eight national processing centers where volunteers inspect and prepare the shoeboxes

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In addition to hearing the gospel shared by local church leaders who have been trained by OCC, kids are given *The Greatest Gift*, a storybook about Jesus that features the apostle John as narrator. This resource makes its way into the homes of the children to share with family and friends, as they read 11 Bible stories and are invited to follow Christ.

Later, those children are invited back to participate in a 12-lesson discipleship course called “The Greatest Journey.” It features Bible stories and Scripture memorization to help them follow Christ in their daily lives. Over 30.9 million children have enrolled in the program since 2009.

Andy Castillo serves as the regional manager for the north and central areas of Latin America where he sees the impact of the boxes on the local level.

“Normally, we focus on the blessing of the child to hear the gospel message and receive that tangible demonstration of the love of God through the box where they will find items that will make a huge difference in their lives,” Castillo said. “Additional elements that bring passion to why we are involved include the impact the ministry has on our volunteers and local churches,” he added, sharing stories from local participants in the distribution of OCC boxes.

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Castillo translated for Rosa Mills, who coordinates mobilization for La Paz, Honduras, describing the first OCC distribution event sponsored by her church in 2016. Traveling for more than six hours to reach families up in the mountains, the volunteers rode on horses and donkeys to areas that are difficult to access.

“The first person that gave his life to the Lord was a man of 83 years of age,” Mills shared. “And from that moment we came back again to the same community and more than 100 people showed up. Our meeting for the distribution event took place beneath a tree, but one of the attendees donated a piece of property so that we could build a church in that community.”

The church has seen children “grow in their knowledge of the Lord” from that first encounter, now serving as musicians, Bible school teachers, and leaders implementing projects in other areas.

Mayer Murillo, a strategic regional coordinator for Intibucá, Honduras, has seen children live out their new-found faith in the community. “These kids are growing and sharing,” he said by way of Castillo’s translation, adding that several youth who gave their lives to the Lord eventually attended seminary in Mexico and returned to serve in a local congregation.

Castillo is grateful for the way pastors who come together to train as volunteers with OCC “strengthen one another and push forward with the gospel message.”

“This is a big reminder to me of how truly big God’s arms are,” added Ross Robinson, senior ministry strategist for church partnerships at Operational Christmas Child. “What a privilege and responsibility we share in advancing the gospel.”

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NEW LIFE, SAME LOVE

Dallas congregation has new leadership and methods, but same gospel heart

For New Life Baptist Church, the Great Commandment and the Great Commission are the driving forces guiding it to fulfill its vision: “Love God, love others, reach the world.”

Founded in 1966, New Life (also known as Nueva Vida) is a bilingual congregation that continues to faithfully preach the same gospel message, even as its methodology has changed. Those changes have brought great results, according to pastor Nelson Fonseca, including 34 people being baptized so far this year.



Nelson Fonseca succeeded David Galvan as New Life pastor following Galvan's retirement.

“We want people to come to Christ,” Fonseca said. “We love them and we want them to come to the knowledge of Him—not only locally, but also all over the world. That’s why we give to missions, to the Cooperative Program, and support missionaries in different parts of the world.”

Fonseca was recently elected senior pastor of New Life after pastor David Galvan announced his retirement following 40 years of service to the church. Fonseca, a pastor’s son and native of Nicaragua, came to New Life in 2006 while studying at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, completing a Master of Divinity. Fonseca was director of missions and evangelism and has been involved in discipleship, but he describes sharing the gospel as his “first love.”

“A hallmark of our church is prayer and evangelism,” Fonseca said.

‘Where the people are’

During the week, New Life does not have services in the building, but gathers in homes with a total of 47 growth groups around the Dallas area. According to Fonseca, these groups are the main evangelism strategy at New Life “because that’s where the people are.” The purpose of the groups is based on Acts 5:42, where followers of Jesus have two objectives: to teach the mature believer to continue learning from the Word of God, and to have an evangelistic outreach to those who have not heard the gospel.

“We have seen people who do not go or are intimidated to go to the church, but they come to a brother’s house and come to the knowledge of Christ,” Fonseca said.

The focus and makeup of these groups varies, as they are structured for families, women, men, singles, children, and teenagers. They have seven

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regional leaders who provide updates about how the work is being carried out through the group leaders.

Establishing a clear path

Among the changes New Life has implemented is a systematic approach to discipleship. Everyone who comes to New Life begins with the “New Life” discipleship program, which is designed for new members to understand the basics of the gospel. Upon completion, they move on to study the classic work *Experiencing God* by Henry Blackaby, which seeks to strengthen the believer in spiritual disciplines. From there, the disciple will take the “Growth Group Strategy,” which is the “backbone of the church,” according to Fonseca.

After completing those three discipleship classes—which are offered in semesters during the spring, summer, and fall—the disciple will be able to begin studying other topics focused on the growth and maturity of believers and become commissioned to disciple others.

Reaching and praying

New Life also took Vacation Bible School (VBS) outside the church’s walls this summer, with 13 groups meeting simultaneously in different locations such as parks, apartments, and other members’ homes. VBS was held Monday through Thursday, and on Friday of that week, all 13 groups joined together in one location to celebrate with the community. An average of 185 children attended per day, 161 volunteers participated, and 34 professions of faith were recorded.

At New Life, corporate prayer plays a major role and has had an impact on the congregation, Fonseca said. For more than 20 years the church has held a 6 a.m. prayer meeting every day to pray for the sick, the church, ministries, and missions. Around 10-12 people regularly met for prayer. When church facilities closed due to COVID, the meeting was continued over the phone and blossomed to 35-40 participants—many of whom still participate today.

“We have taken corporate prayer very seriously,” Fonseca said, “and the Lord has done great things.”



NUEVA VIDA, MISMO AMOR

Congregación de Dallas tiene un nuevo liderazgo y nuevos métodos, pero el mismo corazón por el evangelio.

Para la Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida, el Primer Mandamiento y la Gran Comisión son la fuerza motora que los guía para cumplir su visión: “Amar a Dios, amar a los demás, alcanzar al mundo.”

Fundada en 1966, Nueva Vida (también conocida como New Life) es una congregación bilingüe que sigue predicando fielmente el mismo mensaje del evangelio, aunque su metodología haya cambiado. Esos cambios han dado grandes resultados, según el pastor Nelson Fonseca, incluyendo el bautismo de 34 personas en lo que va de año.

“Queremos que la gente venga a Cristo,” dijo Fonseca. “Los amamos y queremos que lleguen a conocerlo, no sólo a nivel local, sino también en todo el mundo. Es por eso que damos a las misiones, al Programa Cooperativo y apoyamos a los misioneros en diferentes partes del mundo.”

Fonseca fue elegido recientemente como pastor principal de Nueva Vida después de que el pastor David Galván anunciara su jubilación tras 40 años de servicio en la iglesia. Fonseca, hijo de pastor y nativo de Nicaragua, llegó a Nueva Vida en el 2006 mientras estudiaba en el Seminario Teológico Bautista del Suroeste de Texas en Fort Worth, completando una Maestría en Divinidad. Fonseca fue director de misiones y evangelismo y ha estado involucrado en el discipulado, pero describe el evangelismo como su “primer amor.”

“Un distintivo de nuestra iglesia es la oración y el evangelismo,” dijo Fonseca.



‘Donde está la gente’

Durante la semana, Nueva Vida no tiene servicios de adoración en el templo, sino que se reúnen en casas con un total de 47 grupos de crecimiento alrededor del área de Dallas. Según Fonseca, estos grupos son la principal estrategia de evangelización en Nueva Vida “porque es donde está la gente.” El propósito de los grupos se basa en Hechos 5:42, donde los seguidores de Jesús tienen dos objetivos: enseñar al creyente maduro a seguir aprendiendo de la Palabra de Dios, y tener un alcance evangelístico en aquellos que no han escuchado el evangelio.

“Hemos visto personas que no van o se sienten intimidadas para ir al templo, pero llegan a la casa de un hermano y llegan al conocimiento de Cristo,” dijo Fonseca.

El enfoque y la conformación de estos grupos varía, ya que están estructurados para familias, mujeres, hombres, solteros, niños y adolescentes. Cuentan con siete líderes regio-

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nales quienes proporcionan información actualizada sobre cómo se está llevando a cabo el trabajo a través de los líderes de los grupos.

Escuela dominical no convencional

Entre los cambios que Nueva Vida ha implementado, está un enfoque de discipulado sistemático en su enseñanza dominical. Todos los que llegan a Nueva Vida comienzan con el programa de discipulado “Nueva Vida,” que está diseñado para que los nuevos miembros comprendan los fundamentos del evangelio. Una vez completado, pasan a estudiar la obra clásica “Mi Experiencia con Dios” de Henry Blackaby, que busca que el creyente se fortalezca en disciplinas espirituales. A partir de ahí, el discípulo tomará la “Estrategia de Grupos de Crecimiento,” que es la “columna vertebral de la iglesia,” según Fonseca.

Después de completar esas tres clases de discipulado, que se ofrecen en semestres durante la primavera, el verano y el otoño, el discípulo podrá comenzar a estudiar otros temas enfocados en el crecimiento y la madurez de los creyentes y en ser comisionados para discipular a otros.

Alcanzando y orando

Nueva Vida también llevó la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones (EBV) fuera de los muros de la iglesia este verano, con 13 grupos que se reunieron simultáneamente en diferentes lugares como parques, apartamentos y casas de algunos miembros. La EBV se celebró de lunes a jueves, y el viernes de esa semana, los 13 grupos se reunieron en el templo para celebrar un día de clausura junto a la comunidad. Un promedio de 185 niños asistió por día, 161 voluntarios participaron y se registraron 34 profesiones de fe.

En Nueva Vida, la oración corporativa juega un papel importante y ha tenido un impacto en la congregación, dijo Fonseca. Durante más de 20 años, la iglesia ha celebrado una reunión de oración matutina a las 6 AM todos los días para orar por los enfermos, la iglesia, los ministerios y las misiones. Entre 10 y 12 personas se reunían regularmente para orar. Cuando las instalaciones de la iglesia cerraron debido a COVID, la reunión continuó por teléfono y llegó a tener entre 35 y 40 participantes, muchos de los cuales todavía se reúnen para orar.

“Nos hemos tomado la oración corporativa muy en serio,” dijo Fonseca, “y el Señor ha hecho grandes cosas.”

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Carrying each other's burdens



LATE NIGHT OFFERS YPN OPPORTUNITY TO FELLOWSHIP, ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

A few weeks ago, Caleb Fleming—pastor of Fairview Baptist Church in Sherman—received news that someone he loves was facing a potentially serious medical diagnosis.

He instinctively reached out to the leadership team of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention's Young Pastors Network (YPN), of which he is a member. Within minutes, he said his phone began "going off" with messages from team members committing to pray for his family.

"It is seriously overwhelming, the depth of friendship and fellowship we get to enjoy by being part of the Young Pastors Network," he said. "YPN is one of the most life-giving things I have been able to be a part of. I am so thankful the SBTC sees the value of investing in us young guys."

The Young Pastors Network consists of SBTC pastors 40 years old or younger. It provides networking and leadership development opportunities and is headed by Spencer Plumlee, pastor of First Baptist Church of Mansfield. YPN gathers twice a year—at the Empower Conference held each February, and at the SBTC Annual Meeting, which is scheduled this year for November 14-15 at American Bank Center in Corpus Christi. Bart Barber, pastor of First Bap-

tist Church of Farmersville who was recently elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will give the keynote address at the YPN's Annual Meeting gathering.

The YPN has three main objectives, Plumlee said: to encourage pastors, to connect members with other pastors across the state, and to empower young pastors to have a voice in shaping the future of the SBTC.

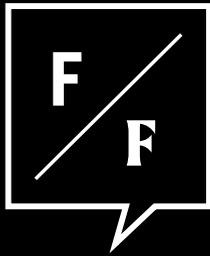
YPN offers a Young Pastor Cohort led by an experienced mentor who coaches young pastors in the areas of soul care, preaching, church leadership, and more. Those groups consist of 7-10 young pastors each and meet four times over a two-year period.

Matt Bowles, pastor of Ovilla Road Baptist Church in Ovilla, said he got a later start in ministry than many of his peers, having been called as a youth pastor in his 30s. He was called to serve as Ovilla Road's senior pastor a couple of years ago knowing he still had much to learn about how to lead a church while at the same time facing the reality that "many people think senior pastors are supposed to have all the answers."

"I can't express how soothing it is to be able to ask other pastors questions, share struggle and realize that you really are not that crazy," Bowles said, "and that things that happened and problems you face are not always as unique as you think they are."

Bowles recalled attending a dinner with YPN members at last year's annual meeting that provided an opportunity for those present to talk about the joys and challenges of ministry.

"We sat around and told crazy stories about things that happen to us in our churches, and we praised God for placing us in those churches," he said. "We laughed at those crazy things and all expressed that we felt like the luckiest guys alive to be called to do what we do. [Pastoring is] hard—but we are not alone."



FACES OF THE FAITHFUL

A guide to celebrate—and pray—for those standing on the frontlines of the faith



CASEY LEWIS

▶ Age: **40** ▶ Spouse/Children: **Amy/ Addyson, Colby & Alyssa**

▶ Total Years in Ministry: **19** ▶ Church/Years at Current Church: **Pastor, Foundation Baptist Church, Euless (8)**

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO CELEBRATE AT YOUR CHURCH RECENTLY?

We have been preaching verse by verse through the epistle of Romans and we have seen sanctification of many, as well as three children and one adult come to faith in Jesus Christ.

WHAT'S ONE LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED TO THIS POINT OF YOUR MINISTRY THAT YOU KNOW YOU'LL NEVER FORGET?

Not every hill is worth dying on. In fact, it is a sign of maturity that Christians do not give their opinion on every matter, especially things that don't concern them. We do not need to be involved in fruitless discussions, for we have many commands of God which should concern our time.

HOW CAN OTHER SBTC CHURCHES BE PRAYING FOR YOU?

Pray that we would remain faithful to preach the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray that we would call people to repent of their sins and believe in Christ alone for their salvation. Pray that we would warn others of the judgment and coming wrath of God.



EDGAR TRINIDAD

▶ Age: **59** ▶ Spouse: **Maria Reina**

▶ Total Years in Ministry: **22** ▶ Church/Years at Current Church: **Pastor, Segunda Iglesia Bautista, San Angelo (6)**

WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO CELEBRATE AT YOUR CHURCH RECENTLY?

We are growing in a very healthy way, spiritually and in number. We have moved to a new building to be able to accommodate all members and ministries of the church.

WHAT'S ONE LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED TO THIS POINT OF YOUR MINISTRY THAT YOU KNOW YOU'LL NEVER FORGET?

God is always going to surprise you. There is no "one size fits all." Each church, generation, and ethnic group it is very different and particular.

HOW CAN OTHER SBTC CHURCHES BE PRAYING FOR YOU?

We need workers, volunteers, and the wisdom to reach every generation in our community.



KERI MEEK

▶ Age: **48** ▶ Spouse/Children: **Jason/ Hannah, Shelby & Hunter**

▶ Total Years in Ministry: **26** ▶ Church/Years at Current Church: **Minister to Children, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Cedar Hill (12)**

WHAT'S ONE LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED TO THIS POINT OF YOUR MINISTRY THAT YOU KNOW YOU'LL NEVER FORGET?

I have learned to always put people before the task. There will always be a list of tasks waiting for you each and every day but taking the time to intentionally love and serve His people well should always take precedence.

WHAT'S ONE THING YOU WANT TO SEE GOD DO SPECIFICALLY IN YOUR CHURCH THIS YEAR?

I have been praying this prayer: Lord, help us to be a church who makes disciples who make disciples who make disciples. That a culture of discipling would form in which making disciples is viewed as an ordinary part of the Christian life.

HOW CAN OTHER SBTC CHURCHES BE PRAYING FOR YOU?

Pray for renewed strength, energy, and health for myself and my family.

In the footsteps of Jesus

PASTORS CONNECT WITH FAITH, ONE ANOTHER IN SBTC TRIP TO ISRAEL

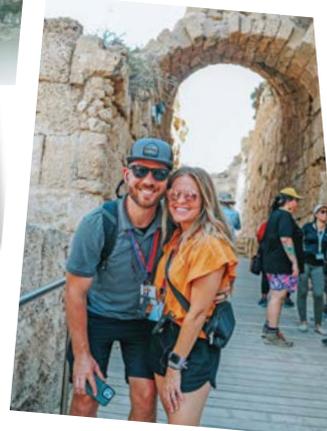
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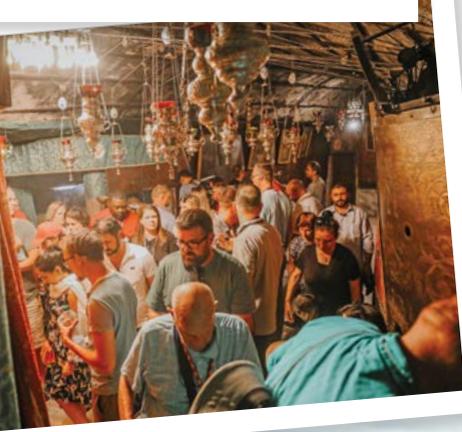
When John Aaron Matthew, pastor of Clear Lake Baptist Church in Houston, attempts to describe his and his wife's recent trip to Israel, that's the word he says comes to mind the most—surreal.

"It was just unbelievable," he said, referring to a moment he and others shared at the Sea of Galilee. "Putting my feet into the water that Jesus walked on, it just had such an impression on me."

Matthew and his wife, Emily, were among the 128 pastors and wives who traveled to Israel in July for a 10-day Clergy Familiarization Tour sponsored by the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. The trip was hosted by SBTC Executive Director Nathan Lorick, and the convention offered scholarships to financially assist pastors making their first visit to Israel.

The tour itinerary looked more like a biblical survey course, with stops in both Old and New Testament settings. The tour included a trip to Mount Carmel, where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal as recorded in 1 Kings 18. The tourists also visited Jesus' childhood home of Nazareth and walked down the Old Palm Sunday Road leading to the ancient olive grove at the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prepared to go to the cross.





The garden visit provided a particularly poignant moment for pastor Rey Cantu, whose heart was stirred by Lorick’s reminder that this was the site where Jesus “gave it all.” Cantu and his wife, Juanita, are planning on leaving behind familiarity and comfort to plant a church in Brazoria, south of Houston and near the Texas Gulf Coast.

“That really stuck with me, because the Lord has called us to start a new work,” Rey said. “I was able to take that all in, meditate on it, and tell the Lord, ‘We want to give you our all here in this new work.’”

Many on the trip decided to get baptized in the Jordan River, including retired SBTC pastor Casey Perry—who was making his first trip to Israel at age 88. Perry said the trip truly provided an experience for him where the words of the Bible that he has preached for decades came alive.

“Now when I preach, I can say I’ve been there,” Perry said. “What a privilege it was to be able to walk where Jesus walked.”

For Matthew and many others, the trip that gathered pastors and their wives from all over Texas also brought an unexpected blessing.

“We’ve been desperate for [ministry] relationships,” Matthew said. “Spending that much time with people who understand what we’re going through—that was so needed. It helped us know we’re not alone. We’re so thankful for the relationships we made on the trip.”

Matthew said since meeting other pastors and their wives on the trip, he discovered many who are serving close to where he lives. They’ve since followed up and began deepening those newfound connections.

Holly Sanders, who was on the trip with her husband, Aaron (pastor of Coastal Community Church of Galveston), agreed about the new connections they made, saying, “That was just a very surprising, cool part of the trip. That wasn’t on my radar going in.”



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USING PERSONAL LOSS AND GRIEF TO MINISTER TO OTHERS

Easter weekend of 2015 was a wonderful time for my wife and me. We were not only celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but we discovered that our first child would be born in December of that year.

Everything proceeded smoothly until morning sickness reared its ugly head. The nausea was so intense that my wife had to be admitted to the hospital for several days. However, everything with the baby was progressing as it should. As we moved forward in the pregnancy, we scheduled a sneak-a-peek sonogram to capture detailed images of our baby as a keepsake.

When we arrived, the lady at the front desk had us sign all the paperwork, and I noticed one part that informed us that any abnormalities would be relayed to my wife's doctor. We did not think too much of this at the time, and we actually had peace knowing the doctor could review and confirm any issues.

Unbeknownst to us, our child had two complications that were not compatible with life. One was anencephaly, where the skull had not fully developed, and the other was ectopia cordis, where the heart had developed

outside of the chest. While medicine has advanced significantly over the years, the issue with our child's skull could not be corrected through medical means. We began to pray for a miracle only God could provide.

As we prayed, we fervently asked God to heal our daughter on this earth. We specifically prayed for her skull to be made complete and the heart to be placed back within her chest wall. King David wrote, "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well" (Psalm 139:13-14).

We knew from these verses that God had a plan, but we were petitioning Him to change how He had made our daughter. Our immediate response to the situation was that He had made a mistake, but then the



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Spirit ministered to us, assuring us that God had formed our daughter exactly as He planned. God did not and cannot make a mistake.

My wife was able to carry our daughter full-term, and we enjoyed three wonderful hours with her before God called her home. As a young couple, we did not know how to process this grief or where to turn for dealing with this situation. I was also in my first pastorate after graduating from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. We were confused, hurting, and grieving the loss of a child we barely knew. My wife and I needed a ministry to help us during this difficult time.

Since 2015, God has blessed us with two more children who are happy and healthy. We, however, experienced a situation in September 2021 that we did not anticipate. After the complications with our first child, we never imagined we would deal with a miscarriage. Our fourth child passed away

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during the first trimester of the pregnancy. Again, my wife and I were facing grief, hurt, and confusion. Our child was alive, but now he is not. If this was not enough, my wife and I experienced another miscarriage in January 2022. Therefore, we need a strategy and plan for processing this grief.

I am currently serving on staff as an associate pastor at the First Baptist Church of Leonard and I have a desire to develop a group counseling ministry for couples who have experienced a situation similar to ours. The ministry will be a weekend retreat consisting of a session on Friday evening and sessions on Saturday. The focus will be upon helping couples process and move forward in their grief. The retreat is scheduled for September 9-10. This ministry will be for couples who have experienced the death of a child under the age of five or a miscarriage. It will also be open to individuals who have experienced the death of their spouse or have been divorced.

God has opened this door of ministry for me, and I am using it to complete my Doctor of Ministry degree at Luther Rice College and Seminary. My prayer is that other churches will be able to use the content of my project in their own setting for the purpose of ministering to those who have faced this kind of grief.

So, what's my story? God's plan for my life is sure, even in the wake of unthinkable loss and grief.



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Cedar Valley Baptist Church in Elgin is seeking a FT pastor. Email resume to cvcbpsearch@outlook.com.

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Westway BC in Huntsville is seeking PT pastor as we work to revitalize our local church. Email resume to westwaybaptistchurchhuntsville@gmail.com.

FBC Anton is prayerfully looking for a FT or bi-vocational pastor. Anton is a small town of 1,200 people in West Texas, 25 miles NW of Lubbock. Active congregation of 40-45 and median age is 50. If the Holy Spirit is leading you, please send a resume to antonfbc196@gmail.com.

Indian Creek Baptist Church in Mineral Wells is an elder-led, congregationally governed church in friendly cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention looking for a FT energetic, relational pastor who can partner with parents and church leaders to evangelize and disciple the next generation of our community. Email resume to LCBCYouthandChildrenPastor@gmail.com.

Avenue D Baptist Church in Snyder is seeking a FT senior pastor. Send resume to Doug Scott at dougscott8441@gmail.com.

Stonebridge Fellowship in Plainview is seeking a PT bi-vocational pastor. We are a small Baptist church committed to gospel-centered, Bible-believing teaching and service in our community. Email: ryan.oglesby87@gmail.com.

Lost Pines Cowboy Church in Elgin is seeking a PT interim pastor to shepherd the church for approximately 6 to 12 months and support the congregation, teams, and church staff in performing their tasks. The interim pastor will not be considered for the permanent position of senior pastor. Email: personnel.lppc@gmail.com.

Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Freeport is seeking a bi-vocational and bilingual (Spanish/English) pastor to lead a congregation of about 60 members. Email resume to Reynaldo.Cantu@rcantu1954@yahoo.com.

First Baptist Church of Splendora is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Church is located just outside of Houston in a rural area with great potential for growth. Send resume to wecare@fbcsplendora.org.

First Baptist North Zulch is seeking a FT pastor. Email resume to: fbnzpastorsearch@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church of Dean is seeking a FT pastor. Rural church looking for a shepherd to lead our members. We are in desperate need of revival! Must be ordained. Schooling is preferred. Experience is a must! Email: dpmurphy1980@yahoo.com.

Security First Baptist Church in Cleveland is prayerfully searching for a FT/bi-vocational pastor in a growing community. Submit resume to sfbcsecretary@yahoo.com.

Lost Prairie Baptist of Groesbeck is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. If you have questions, call Kay Thornal at 254-855-9667. Send resume and references to michaelmedien@yahoo.com.

Second Baptist Church of Jacinto City in Houston seeks a bilingual (English/Spanish) bi-vocational pastor to shepherd our church to its next chapter of God's plan. Please respond by submitting resume at SecondBaptistJC@outlook.com.

Bethany Baptist Church, Cushing is looking for a PT / bi-vocational pastor for a small country church. Email resume to aslrvwofsdream@yahoo.com.

Duffau Baptist Church in Duffau is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Church is located just minutes from Stephenville and Hico in a rural country setting with a 3 bedroom parsonage as part of the position and part of the salary. Experience is preferred. Please send resume to duffaubaptistchurch@gmail.com.

Bethel Heights Baptist Church, 3915 CR 127, Gatesville, Texas 76528, is looking for a bi-vocational pastor to shepherd us. Resumes can be sent to the church.

MUSIC

FBC Boerne is seeking a FT associate youth worship minister. Email resume to Garrett.McCord@gmccord@fbcoerne.org.

FBC Fairfield seeks FT associate pastor of worship. Send letter of interest and resume to worshipsearch@fbcfairfield.org.

FBC Merkel is looking for a PT worship pastor leading a blended/contemporary worship service each Sunday and other special occasions. For more information, please contact the church office at 325-928-5351. Resume may be submitted to office@fbcmerkel.com.

The Heights Church, San Angelo is seeking a FT worship minister and media/technology administrator to plan and lead varied, creative, enthusiastic worship services, develop praise team, plan music for special events, administration of live stream, and all media and technology for the church. Send resume to loukduncan@yahoo.com.

Trinity Baptist Church, Kerrville is seeking a FT minister of worship for thriving, multigenerational Baptist church. See tbck.org for complete job description. Email resume to sowens@tbck.org.

Westside BC in Corsicana is accepting resumes for a PT music minister for Sunday morning and evening. Email resume to westside.church@sbcglobal.net or mail to Westside Baptist Church, 1522 N 24th St, Corsicana, TX 75110.

The Well Baptist Church in Greenville is seeking a PT worship leader. The Well is a vibrant church with a casual atmosphere, a contemporary style, and a family feel. Our mission is to help generations experience the goodness of following Jesus. Please send inquiries to worship@thewellbaptistchurch.org.

Calvary Baptist Church in Bastrop is seeking a PT classic worship leader whose responsibilities include leading worship, selecting appropriate music, and leading the choir. To CBC, "classic" style means an energetic, vibrant, choir-led worship service that worships God using traditional hymns and choruses. Email office@cbcfamily.net.

Audubon Park BC in Garland is seeking a PT music leader. Blended service, small congregation. Email resume to apbcstaff@att.net or APBC PO Box 495277 Garland, TX 75049-5277. Is God sending you our way?

FBC Palestine is seeking a PT associate pastor of worship to lead two Sunday morning worship services—one traditional and one contemporary. We have a great team of musicians and singers in place. Send questions or submit a resume & cover letter to Tony Watson, senior pastor, at tonywatson@gmail.com.

FBC Merkel is looking for a PT worship pastor leading a blended/contemporary worship service each Sunday and other special occasions. For more information, please contact the church office at 325-928-5351. Resume may be submitted to office@fbcmerkel.com.

Trinity Baptist Church, Boyd seeks a PT music minister to lead our Sunday morning blended service. Applicant must be able to read music, direct regular and/or special choir performances, and meet character qualifications found in 1 Timothy 3 & Titus 1. Email TBC.Offices@gmail.com with resumes, audio/video samples, by 10-1-22.

Coastal Oaks Church Personnel Committee, Rockport is seeking a PT choir director. Email resume to personnel@coastaloakschurch.org.

Nassau Bay Baptist Church, Houston, TX is seeking applicants for a FT minister of music. Please send resumes and a cover letter to pastor@nbbchurch.org.

STUDENTS

First Baptist Mansfield is seeking a FT student minister with a passion for making disciples and a desire to guide students to have a multiplying impact for Christ's kingdom. For more information please contact Scott Lyle at scott@firstmansfield.com.

Northeast Houston Baptist Church in Humble is looking for a FT student ministry girls associate. Send resume to miscott@nehbc.com.

First Baptist Church of Farwell is prayerfully searching for a FT student pastor to join our ministry team. Send resume to studentministersearch@fbcfarwell.org.

First Baptist Church Lovelady is seeking a FT minister to lead its youth and worship ministries. Please send your resume with references, a link of you leading worship (if possible), and teaching youth (if possible) to: fbclovelady@gmail.com Attn: Worship & Youth Search Committee

The Heights, San Angelo is seeking a FT youth pastor to lead youth to Christ, to grow them in faith, to develop their gifts to serve the body of Christ, and to share their faith to lead others to Christ. Email resumes to loukduncan@yahoo.com.

Central Baptist Church, Livingston is seeking a FT student pastor who loves reaching and discipling students, equipping parents, and calling out and developing leaders. Email resume to students@centrallivingston.com.

FBC La Grange is seeking a PT youth minister (middle and high school students). Responsibilities include leading the youth ministry through intentional relationships and discipleship and to recruit, train, and mentor volunteers to help fulfill the duties of the youth ministry. Email: personnel@fbclagrangecommunity.org.

West University Baptist Church in Houston is looking for a FT youth pastor to run our student ministry for our Crosspoint campus. This is one of our three City/Rise campuses and requires a team player who is self-initiated and understands relational ministry. Email: robby.dobbs@cityrise.org.

First Baptist Church Whitehouse is seeking PT youth director. Email Alicia Coats: alicia@firstw.org.

The Servant House in Lewisville is seeking a PT youth pastor requiring 5-10 hours a week. Please send your resume to theservanthouse@aol.com.

Grace Life Baptist in Houston is seeking a paid PT student minister (20 hrs/weekly). Grace Life is a growing multi-ethnic ministry that averages 250 on Sundays. Includes seminary reimbursement. For more info contact jmosier@gracelifebaptist.org.

Lebanon BC in Frisco is seeking a PT associate pastor of youth who should meet the qualifications of an elder (1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9), must express a calling to ministry, agree with the BFM 2000, and the statement of faith for Lebanon BC. Email resume to info@lbcfrisco.com.

Inglewood BC in Grand Prairie is seeking a PT student minister with a heart for discipling youth. The youth minister coordinates Sunday school and Wednesday night Bible study, oversees regular youth events, and builds relationships with youth and their families. Submit resume to jobs@inglewoodbaptist.com.

Fellowship of the Parks Fort Worth is looking for a PT high school pastor to lead our 9-12th grade ministries. Email resume to Doug.Curlee@dougcurlee@fellowshipoftheparks.com.

Fellowship of the Parks, Fort Worth is looking for PT middle school pastor to lead our 7th & 8th grade ministries. Email resume to Doug.Curlee@dougcurlee@fellowshipoftheparks.com.

Central Baptist Church in Luling is hiring a PT/bi-vocational student ministry director to lead a discipleship-first student ministry. Applicants should visit cbcluling.com for more information.

CHILDREN

First Baptist Church Graham is seeking a FT minister to children and families. Email resume to brianbrooks@fbcgraham.com.

Parkway Hills Baptist Church in Plano is looking for a FT preschool minister to shepherd birth-kindergarten families and lead our preschool team. Email Josh Conner at jconner@parkwayhills.org.

Andice Baptist Church in Florence is looking for a FT children's ministry director. Email resume to Derrick.Norris@derrickandicebc.org.

FBC Rowlett is looking for a FT children's minister to join our team. We are looking for a gospel-driven, talented person who loves Jesus and connects naturally with children and their families. Email resume to Cole Hedgecock at cole@fbcrowlett.org.

FBC Pittsburg is seeking a FT children's minister. Salary range is \$45,000-\$50,000 annually. Website: <http://fbcpittsburg.org>. Email resume to BB Banda at bb.fbcpittsburg@gmail.com.

FBC Castroville is seeking a FT children's minister. Send resume to rodney@fbccastroville.com

Central Church in College Station is seeking a FT director of kids ministry who will be responsible for leading a comprehensive ministry grades K-5 within a growing community, a large and thriving kid's ministry, and a state-of-the-art facility. Applicants may submit their resume to dpatterson@centralbcs.org.

First Baptist Church Orange is seeking a FT children's minister to partner with parents in equipping and empowering their children to know and follow Christ. FBCO is a growing church with a highly active children's ministry. Email Josh Fults at josh@fbco.org.

First Baptist Church, DeKalb is searching for a FT children's minister. Email resume: dekalbfbc323@gmail.com. Contact: James Sparks (903-809-3932) for any questions.

First Baptist Church of Port Neches is seeking a FT children's minister who is a creative self-starter who loves the Lord and feels called to children's ministry. Contact Rob Jones at rjones@fbcpn.org.

Gateway Church of Spring is seeking a FT children's pastor/minister with a dynamic personality for preschool through sixth grade children. Responsibilities include overseeing, directing, educating, counseling, and fellowshiping within each unique age group. Email resume to jannie@discovergateway.com.

Inglewood BC in Grand Prairie is looking for a PT children's minister with a passion for growing a children's program. The children's minister arranges curriculum, schedules and trains teachers, organizes annual events, and maintains relationships with the children's families. Submit resume to jobs@inglewoodbaptist.com.

Longbranch Community Baptist Church in Midlothian is seeking a PT children's ministry coordinator to make disciples of our children and their families. Interested candidates should contact brent@lcbcmidlothian.org for more information. Part-time position, pays \$20,000 annually.

Coastal Oaks Church Personnel Committee, Rockport is seeking a PT or FT children's minister. Email resume to personnel@coastaloakchurch.org.

COMBINATION

First Baptist Church of Archer City is seeking a FT youth and music pastor. Email resume to officefbcactx@gmail.com.

Chapel of the Hills Baptist Church, Buchanan Dam is seeking a FT worship and student pastor. This growing church in the Texas Hill Country is seeking a worshiper who will lead a solid group of middle school students through high school. Email resume to steve@hillcountrychapel.com.

Midway Baptist Church, Big Spring is seeking a FT associate pastor/youth minister. Email resume to Greg Moore at greglmoore71@outlook.com.

Highland Terrace BC, Greenville is seeking a FT pastor of senior adults, congregational care, and education. Send resume to Austin Anderson at austin@highlandterrace.org.

FBC Crane is seeking a FT worship & student minister. This is a growing rural church making a difference in the community. This person would help lead in the areas of music & student (6th-12th grades) ministry. Email resume to Chris Farrell at chris@fbccrane.com.

City Church Del Rio is searching for a FT associate pastor of discipleship and worship. For more info, or to apply, visit citychurchdelrio.com or send interest letter and resume to cdp@pastor@gmail.com.

FBC Wortham is praying through hiring a FT associate pastor of youth/education. For more information or to send a resume, contact Justin Colquette at justincolquette@fbwortham.com.

Sherwood Baptist Church in Odessa is seeking a FT minister of music and youth to lead Christ-centered worship, introduce young people to Christ, teaching them to become spiritually mature followers of Christ, and equipping them to become disciple-makers. Send resume to: personnel@sherwood.church.

Main Street BC in Grand Saline is seeking a FT associate pastor of family & worship with focus on youth first and worship ministry second. Experience preferred. Will need to be a people-oriented team player willing to be involved in the local schools and community. Email Tina Smilie at tsmilie@dts.edu.

Pathway BC in Odessa is prayerfully seeking a FT associate pastor of family/worship. After prayerful consideration, please submit a resume, with a cover letter and references in PDF form to charles@pathwayodessa.org. Be sure to include a link to any preaching, teaching, and/or worship videos.

Bellevue Baptist DBA Pipeline Church, Hurst is seeking a PT music minister and a PT youth minister (this could be a combined FT position) Please contact Candace Alexander-Healy. Email: chealy@aimprostaff.com.

OTHER

South Side Baptist Church, Abilene (SSBC) is looking for a FT associate pastor who is passionate about teaching, overseeing, planning, and developing leaders. You will assist the lead pastor especially in areas of college, men's, and adult discipleship ministry. Please send resume to blake@sbaptist.org.

TurningPoint Fellowship Church is seeking a church planter to revitalize church in the Austin area. Contact Wes Porter at wes@turningpointfc.org.

Mobberly Baptist Church Longview is seeking a FT director of video production. Excellent benefits. Contact: scottl@mobberly.org.

The Servant House in Lewisville is seeking a PT life group coach to build into the life of life group (small group) leaders, to help connect and grow members in Christ, to grow a healthy church for KOG. Send resume to: theservanthouse@aol.com.

Nolan River Road Baptist Church of Cleburne is praying for an experienced associate pastor to lead our next-gen ministries. This person will serve as the primary support person for the senior pastor and as the primary overseer of the youth and family ministry of NRRBC. Email resume to office@nrrbc.org.

Haltom Road BC in Haltom City is seeking a PT associate pastor of youth and music. Email resume to andrew@haltomroadbaptist.org.

FBC Bridgeport is seeking a FT business administrator/operations manager. Bridgeport is located about 45 minutes NW of Fort Worth. Email resume to cerb@fbccbridgeport.com.

The Heights Church San Angelo is looking for a FT education minister (preschool, children, youth, college, adult). Email resume to loukduncan@yahoo.com.

FBC Vidor is seeking a full-time director for women's recovery and discipleship ministries to operate a Christ-centered Women's Care Center. We are seeking a mature Christian who adheres to the BFM 2000. She should have leadership and administrative skills. Send resume to cara@fbcvidor.org.

Sylvania Church in Tyler is seeking a FT pastor of families. If interested, visit www.sylvaniachurch.com/apply.

New Beginnings Baptist Church in Longview is looking for a FT video specialist to join our production team! Email resume to Josh Moore at jmoore@nbbctx.org.

Inglewood BC in Grand Prairie is looking for a FT financial secretary who will handle financial responsibilities such as payroll, budget, maintaining church financial records, and also general secretarial duties. Previous financial experience needed. If interested, submit resume to jobs@inglewoodbaptist.com.

Pathway Baptist Church, Odessa is prayerfully seeking a FT associate family pastor. His primary roles will be students and their families. After prayerful consideration, please submit a resume, with a cover letter and references in PDF form to charles@pathwayodessa.org. Be sure to include a link to any preaching/teaching videos.

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PASTOR

Vidalia First Baptist Church, Vidalia, LA is seeking a FT senior pastor. Email resume to Beaux Pilgrim at careers@firstbaptistvidalia.com.

Nail Avenue BC in Prairie Village, Kansas (greater Kansas City area) is seeking a FT senior pastor for our multigenerational Southern Baptist congregation that is focused on making disciples for Jesus Christ. For more information and to apply, go to <https://www.nallave.org/pastor>.

MUSIC

Nassau Bay Baptist Church, Houston, TX is seeking applicants for a FT Minister of Music. Please send resumes and a cover letter to pastor@nbbchurch.org.

CHILDREN

First Baptist Church, Natchitoches, LA is seeking FT preschool/children's minister. Email resume to Mike McGrath at mmcgrath@fbcnatchitoches.com.

Mountain View Baptist Church Hickory, NC, is seeking a FT minister of children. Email resume to jobs@mbvchickory.com.

OTHER

FBC Mansfield has 3 portable buildings for sale: Portable Buildings 1 & 2: 64 x 25. Beige and brown trim color. Used as youth ministry area. Concrete siding outside material. Two entrance doors. Windows in unit. Insulated and with lighting. Two HVAC units. Recently remodeled. Entrance ramp and steps. \$14,500 each. Portable Building 3: 90 x 25. Same attributes as Buildings 1 & 2. With front and side entrances, 4 locations. Entrance ramp and steps for front and side locations. \$19,500. Please send direct inquiries about all 3 buildings to the facilities director, tray@firstmansfield.com, at First Baptist Church, Mansfield. (817) 463-1161.

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First Baptist Church, Booker will be celebrating 102 years of worship, blessings, service and praise on September 17-18, 2022. For further information visit our Facebook page at "FBC Booker's 100+year celebration" or phone the church at 806 858-4672. We would love to reunite with past members!

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First Baptist Church, Ruston, Louisiana is seeking a FT women's minister. Email resume to Brenda Martin at brenda@fbcruston.org.

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Preview Days are your opportunity to see first-hand all that Southwestern Seminary and Texas Baptist College have to offer. During your visit, you'll tour the campus, speak with faculty members, chat with fellow students, hear from President Adam W. Greenway, and experience the unique campus community of Southwestern Seminary and TBC.

Fall Preview Day is October 21, so register today, for free, at swbts.edu/preview or texasbaptistcollege.com/preview.

SBTC ENTERS INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH NEVADA BAPTIST CONVENTION

GRAPEVINE Underscoring the cooperative work that is foundational among Southern Baptists, the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention announced on August 9 that it has entered into a multiyear ministry partnership with the Nevada Baptist Convention.

The partnership, SBTC Executive Director Nathan Lorick said, will provide financial support and various resources to help Southern Baptists in Nevada strengthen existing churches, plant new churches, reach the lost, and develop leaders.

In July, the SBTC Executive Committee approved funding of up to \$150,000 to be disbursed to the Nevada Baptist Convention in three annual installments of up to \$50,000 each beginning this year. A fourth installment may also be given with Executive Committee approval.



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TYLER CHURCH RALLIES AROUND FAMILY OF FALLEN SHERIFF'S DEPUTY



TYLER Smith County Sheriff's Deputy Lorenzo Bustos was killed in the line of duty during a routine traffic stop in July. Following his death, Friendly Baptist Church—of which Bustos, 29, was a member—stepped up to minister to the Bustos family, establishing a memorial fund to benefit his wife and their three children (ages 4, 5, and 8).

A 21-year-old driver was arrested for intoxication manslaughter in connection to Bustos' death.

His pastor, Dan Lewis, said Bustos is remembered for his big smile and positive attitude. Bustos had a significant "impact on our church family," Lewis said, noting that the deputy and his wife, Gloria, started actively serving in GAs and RAs shortly after joining the church in May 2015.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM SUNDAY SET FOR OCT. 2



Each year, the Southern Baptist Convention sets aside one Sunday to promote giving to the Cooperative Program, the mechanism by which the convention funds missions. Sunday, October 2, has been designated as this year's "Cooperative Program Sunday."

As churches are preparing for services, they are asked to prayerfully consider playing CP promotional videos, use provided resources, preach a related sermon, or invite a guest speaker from the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention to come and share about the Cooperative Program.

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SEPTEMBER

1, 8, 15	55+ Adult Ministry Training, Conroe & Corpus Christi
8	Young Pastors Network Regional Gathering, Cleburne/Burleson
9	Pastor/Wife Date Night, Amarillo
16	She Stands Women's Conference, Longview
16-17	Florece Women's Retreat, Glen Rose
19, 20, 22	Disciple-Making Forum, Canyon, Odessa, Brownsville
27	Children & Family Ministry Luncheon, SWBTS

OCTOBER

2	Cooperative Program Sunday
4	Pastors Masters Golf Tournament, Flower Mound
7	She Stands Women's Conference, Lubbock
11	Send Summit, Fielder Church-South Oaks, Arlington

NOVEMBER

13	SBTC Annual Meeting Spanish Session, Corpus Christi
14	Interim Pastor Equipping, Corpus Christi
14-15	SBTC Annual Meeting, Corpus Christi



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