



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

Leadership Article // The Roar: After six days of evading capture by the Taliban in the rugged Afghanistan mountains, Navy SEAL Marcus Luttrell was found. He was sheltered and protected by gracious Pashtun leaders until a squad of Army Rangers and Green Berets broke through thick forests to deliver Luttrell from danger and bring him home... [Read more](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

Pray for those in need of guidance, affirmation, healing, relief, and assurance.

Prayer Requests

- Rev. Joe Ardy (Em., Midlothian) - low blood cell count, further medical testing
- Rev. Mauricio Franco (St. Paul, Harlingen) - passing of his mother, Marlene
- Mrs. Caitlin Howard, wife of DCE Ryan Howard (Lamb of God, Humble) - passing of her father, Don Wolff
- Rev. Kevin Lentz (Trinity at Badger Ranch, Woodway) - passing of his father, David Lentz
- Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen (Em., Austin) - at the passing of his wife, Cathy

Funerals

Mr. David Lentz, father of Rev. Kevin Lentz (Trinity at Badger Ranch, Woodway) was called to his Savior's side Saturday, May 3, 2025. The funeral will be Monday, May 12, at Trinity, Eckhart, IN. Please keep Kevin's mom, Juanita, Kevin, his wife Kathy, and their children in your prayers.

Mrs. Marlene Franco Arango, mother of Rev. Mauricio Franco (St. Paul, Harlingen), was called to rest. While she had been sick with a number of different ailments, her death was a surprise. Pray for Mauricio, as he make arrangements to travel to Columbia, and for his family.

New Calls

Commissioned

Undecided

Dr. Levi Bringold, Teacher, St. John, Fraser, MI to Head of School, Our Redeemer, Dallas

Ordained

Undecided

Rev. Troy Schmidt, Sr., Gethsemane, Tempe, AZ to Sr., Water's Edge, Frisco

Installation

Rev. James Jennings // May 10, 4:00 p.m. //SMP, Gethsemane, Houston

Ordination Anniversaries // May

55 years

Rev. Richard Kurth (5/17) - *Em., Dallas*

45 years

Rev. Bob Cheney (5/25) - *Em., Tomball*

40 years

Rev. Ricky Adams (5/26) - *Em., Richmond*

30 years

Rev. Scott Herbert (5/28) - *Zion, Tomball*

20 years

Rev. Karim Baidaoui (5/15) - *Cand., Dallas*

Rev. George Masih (5/15) - *Grace Community, Rowlett*

15 years

Rev. Kurt Ulmer (5/22) - *Faith, Wylie*

10 years

Rev. Barrett Grebing (5/31) - *St. Paul, Ft. Worth*

Rev. Mark Pulliam (5/17) - *Lazarus, Spring*

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

Legacy Deo Executive Search: Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick is retiring as CEO of Legacy Deo, and we thank and praise God for his leadership and efficacy for God's kingdom. Legacy Deo is looking for the next CEO to lead the organization into the future. If you or someone you know may be a fit, applications are being received. [Learn more](#)

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2025 Convention Info Center

Convention Credentialing: Voting congregations, ensure your delegates are properly credentialed, using the [2025 Voting Delegate Credential Form](#). The deadline for Advance Submission (strongly encouraged for a smoother check-in) is May 5. Credentialing *does not* replace convention registration. Both must be completed. [Learn more](#)

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RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Worker Care // Working through Criticism: There were times when it was helpful to seek advice from a third person to help me process the criticism. While in full-time ministry, I always had fellow professionals whom I could lean on for support and encouragement. That is where the district care and coaching team can offer help and encouragement... [Read more](#)

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