



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

January 23, 2026

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WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Dr. Paul Buchheimer (Em., Houston) // passing of his wife, Peggy
 - Rev. Harold Fleischhauer (Em., Houston) // passing of his wife, Jean
 - Rev. Greg Lorenz (St. Paul, McAllen) // thanksgiving for successful surgery
 - Family of Rev. Leo Symmank (Em., Littleton, CO) // Leo's passing
 - Family of Rev. Tom Wagstaff (Em., Waco) // Tom's passing
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New Calls

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. Shawn Deterding // Sole, Water of Life, Forney to Sole, St. Paul, Marshfield, MO

Declined

Rev. Noah Burgdorf // Sole, Salem, Salisbury, MO to Sole, Hope, Winnie

Undecided

Rev. Eric Borchers // Sole, Our Savior, Austin to Sole, Christ, Breckenridge, CO

Rev. Richard Browning // Sr., Hope, Bonita Springs, FL to Sole, Zion, Victoria

Rev. Stephen DeMik // Assoc., Hope, Lubbock to Chaplain, Bd. for Intl. Mission, LCMS

Rev. Wynn Derong // SMP, St. Andrew, Houston to Assoc., Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines, IA

Rev. Josh Knippa // Sole, Holy Cross, Nederland to Assoc., Zion, Painesville, OH

Rev. Jonathan D. Meyer // Sole, Holy Trinity/St. James, Lexington to Sole, Trinity, Uvalde

Rev. David Murillo // Sr., St. Paul, San Antonio to Sr., Trinity, Portland, OR

Rev. Craig Schinnerer // Em., Fort Worth to Sole, Faith, Grand Prairie

Installations

Chase Drake // February 1, 3:00 p.m. (ordination & installation) // SMP, Epiphany, Pearlant
Rev. James Ebersole // February 1, 3:00 p.m. // Sr., Zion, Dallas
Rev. Daniel Koyn // January 25, 4:00 p.m. // Sr., Trinity, Amarillo
Rev. Robert LeBlanc // January 25, 4:00 p.m. // Sole (TIM), Salem, Whitehall
Abisalom Nasuwa // January 31, 11:00 a.m. (ordination & installation) // Assoc., Holy Cross, Dallas

Funeral

Rev. John F. Stelling (Em., Austin) was called to glory on January 17, 2026. His funeral will be held Friday, January 30, 2026, 11:00 a.m. at Grace, Smithville (308 Byrne St), followed by a reception at the church. Please keep his wife, Katie, and his friends and family in your prayers.

Ordination Anniversaries // January

50 years

Rev. Bob Budewig (1/11) - Em., San Angelo

15 years

Rev. Mark Couser (1/9) - Tree of Life, Garland

Rev. Thomas Haas (1/9) - Em., Nederland

10 years

Rev. David Thompson (1/17) - Our Savior, McKinney

5 years

Rev. Kyle Borcharding (1/17) - Zion, Walburg

Rev. Jason Wallingsford (1/17) - Mt. Olive, Austin

Rev. Mark Payne (1/24) - Lamb of God, Flower Mound

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

Now Hiring: Texas Church Extension Fund is seeking a self-motivated, mission-minded communicator with strong relationship-building skills to join their team as **Manager of Loans and Investment Development**. This role manages the full lending lifecycle for ministry partners while building strong relationships with church leaders across the Texas District in support of our shared mission. [Learn more](#)

2026 Theological Convocation: Register now for the 2026 Theological Convocation at Faith, Georgetown! This year's theme is "Face to Face". In a world of hidden wounds, fragile identity, and growing isolation, the Gospel speaks face-to-face—calling us into honest conversation with God and one another. Join theologians Dr. Robert Kolb and Dr. Chad Lakies for a rich exploration of the self, the soul, and the God who meets us in suffering. [Learn more](#)

Multi-Asian Regional Gathering: Register now for the Multi-Asian Regional Gathering taking place March 6-7! We warmly invite you to be part of the Multi-Asian Regional Gathering 2026, a joyful celebration of faith, fellowship, and God's mission among our diverse Asian communities. [Learn more](#)

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Mission Insight // Temporary Priority "January brings a natural surge of momentum—people return with new resolutions, new hunger, and high hopes... But there is a danger in treating prayer as merely a seasonal kickoff rather than the sustained breath of our ministry. We must guard against making prayer merely a temporary priority." [Read more](#)

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APRIL 20-21, 2026 // Theological Convocation: "Face to Face" // [Learn more](#)

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