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DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

NOW HIRING: The Texas District and Texas CEF are now hiring for 2 open positions: Accounting Specialist and Accounting Administrative Assistant. Both positions are important to the work we do and provide an opportunity for someone with strong financial skills, attention to detail, organization, and a heart for ministry to serve alongside these amazing teams. Please share these postings with the members of your congregation. [Learn more](#)

Fall Pastors Conference: Register now to secure Early Bird pricing! Ministry can take everything out of you. Often pastors pour out for everyone else while running on empty themselves. This October, join pastors from across the Texas District for two days built around one simple truth: a healthy congregation starts with a healthy pastor. [Learn more](#)

Treasurer's Workshop: New and existing congregation treasurers, bookkeepers, financial secretaries, business managers or others who have financial responsibilities should attend. This workshop provides simple, straightforward help with church financial issues and offers networking opportunities with others in similar roles. Attendees will receive instruction and resources to help serve your congregation and avoid costly mistakes. [Learn more](#)

Catalyst Innovation Lab 2027: Do you have an innovative mission idea? Apply now to present your idea at the Catalyst Innovation Lab, where you will receive feedback from experienced ministry leaders and have the opportunity to be awarded up to \$50,000 in grant funding to help bring your vision to life. [Learn more](#)

Back to the Bible Summit: On September 30, from 10am to 1pm, gather with other pastors, educators, and ministry leaders online or in person at the Texas District Mission Support Center. Watch the Summit livestream together, connect and build relationships with other local ministry leaders, then stay for a guided conversation and time to reflect on how the ideas from the Summit can take shape in your own ministry context. Cost is **FREE**, but registration is required. [Learn more](#)

New Evangelist Training Cohort: A new Evangelist Training cohort begins September 14, 2026. This 8-week course over Zoom will help you learn and gain confidence in making disciples, strengthening your congregation, and reach your neighbors with the Gospel. [Learn more](#)

Transitional Interim Ministry Events: Are you interested or even curious in serving as an interim pastor? A Discernment Event, where you can gather more information, will be held September 15. A new class to begin interim ministry training begins October 1. [Learn more](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- **Mrs. Frieda Bahr, widow of Rev. Don Bahr (Em., Clifton)** // recovering from broken leg
 - **Rev. Scott Heitshusen (LifeBridge, Sealy)** // nasal surgery on September 10
 - **Rev. Bob Kobler (Em., Waco)** // Bob's recovery after successful heart surgery
 - **Rev. Curt Schneider (Em., Brownwood)** // recovering from knee replacement surgery
 - **Mrs. Kathie Schneider, wife of Rev. Curt Schneider (Em., Brownwood)** // suffered stroke, recovering
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New Calls

(Note: Revisions to this list may be delayed so that calling congregations may announce updates to their members prior to districtwide publication.)

Commissioned

Undecided

Austin Angerman // DCE, Faith, Georgetown to DCE, St. John, Arnold, MO

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. Will Kemp // Candidate to Campus Pastor, Dallas Lutheran School, Dallas

Declined

Rev. Mark De Young // Cand., Kingswood to Sole, First, Lufkin

Undecided

Rev. Joshua Brakhage // Assoc., Holy Trinity, Edmond, OK to Sr., Faith, Georgetown

Rev. Martin Davis // Sole, Trinity/St. Paul, Anthon/Battle Creek, IA to Sole, Faith/St. Paul, Woodville/Jasper

Rev. Ryan Ogradowicz // Sr., Grace, Brenham to Sr., Our Savior, Houston

Installations

Rev. Matthew Brackman // August 29, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, Peace/Mt. Olive, Texas City/Houston

Mr. Ron Dupree // August 23, 9:30 a.m. // DCE, Zion, Dallas

Rev. Robert Holaday // September 12, 11:00 a.m. // TIM, St. Peter, Bowie

Rev. Will Kemp // August 24, 10:00 a.m. // Campus pastor, Dallas Lutheran School, Dallas
Sujit Kingston (ordination & installation) // August 22, 3:00 p.m. // Assoc., St. Mark, Houston
Rev. Jared Tanz // August 30, 3:00 p.m. // SMP, Trinity-Klein, Spring

Ordination Anniversaries // August

50 years

Rev. Ralph Hobratschk (8/8) - *Em., Friendswood*

45 years

Rev. Douglas Dommer (8/1) - *Living Word, The Woodlands*

Rev. Dr. Paul Meyer (8/2) - *Em., Austin*

Rev. Rudy Herbrich (8/9) - *Em., Argyle*

40 years

Rev. Michael Bailey (8/8) - *Redeemer, San Antonio*

Rev. Larry Krueger (8/10) - *Em., Salado*

30 years

Rev. David Bailes (8/11) - *Living Savior, Montgomery*

Rev. John Cain (8/18) - *Redeemer, Nacogdoches*

15 years

Rev. Stephen Sandfort (8/7) - *The Edge, Azle*

5 years

Rev. Chad Bresson (8/13) - *The Table, Los Fresnos*

Rev. Jerrell Hein (8/15) - *Grace, San Marcos*

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED



Mission Resource // Back to the Bible Summit: The Texas District is excited to serve as a local host site for the Back to the Bible Summit 2026 on September 30, 10:00am - 1:00pm.

This unique event brings together pastors, church leaders, educators, and engaged church members for practical conversations around biblical literacy, discipleship, and Scripture engagement. You'll hear encouraging stories, discover practical ministry tools, and gain actionable ideas that can be implemented immediately in your congregation. Whether you serve in church leadership, education, worship, outreach, or simply desire a

UPCOMING EVENTS // BE CONNECTED

2026

SEPTEMBER 14 // Online Evangelist Training Cohort Begins // [Learn more](#)
SEPTEMBER 14-16 // Hispanic Ministry Retreat + PALMCON // [Learn more](#)
SEPTEMBER 25-27 // Pastors' Wives Retreat // [Learn more](#)
SEPTEMBER 30 // Lutheran Bible Translators' Back to the Bible Summit // [Learn more](#)
OCTOBER 3 // Treasurers Workshop // [Learn more](#)
OCTOBER 12-13 // Fall Pastors Conference // [Learn more](#)
OCTOBER 12-13 // Educators Conference @ Prince of Peace, Carrollton // **More info coming soon**

2027

JANUARY 13 // Catalyst Innovation Lab // [Learn more](#)

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