



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

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DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

NOW HIRING: Texas CEF is now hiring an Accounting Administrative Assistant. This position is important to the work we do and provides 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 this position with the members of your congregation. [Learn more](#)

Register for the Fall Pastors Conference: Ministry can take everything out of you. Often pastors pour out for everyone else while running on empty themselves. October 12-13, 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](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

Prayer Requests

- **Mrs. Claudia Adamson, widow of Rev. Terry Adamson (St. Mark, Lake Jackson)** // Terry's passing
 - **Rev. Scott Heitshusen (LifeBridge, Sealy)** // recovery from nasal surgery
 - **Rev. Randy Ledbetter (Em., McKinney)** // being monitored for threat of stroke
 - **Rev. Dr. Robert Preece (Em., Dallas)** // passing of wife, Linda
 - **Mrs. Dacia Reinke, wife of Rev. Dr. John Reinke (Texas District BMA, Round Rock)** // recovering from leg surgery, following a cycling accident
 - **Rev. Jon Salminen (Epiphany, Pearland)** // heart problems, anticipating bypass surgery
 - **Rev. Tom Thierfelder (St. Paul, Bishop / St. Paul, Kingsville)** // recovery from back surgery
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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.)

Ordained

Declined

Rev. Sean McMaughan // Sole, Grace, Ennis to Sole, Zion, Guthrie, OK

Undecided

Rev. Dr. John Cotner // SMP, Messiah, Corpus Christi to SMP, Zion, Victoria (Mission Valley)

Rev. Michael Knippa // Assoc., Redeemer, Austin to Sr., Redeemer, Austin

Rev. Jared Melius // Sr., Mt. Zion, Denver, CO to Assoc., St. Paul, Austin

Rev. David Murillo // Sr., St. Paul, San Antonio to Sr., St. Luke, Dix Hills, NY

Rev. Daniel Pezzica // Sole, Our Savior, Chelsea, MI to Sr., Concordia, Garland

Rev. Paul Terral // Sole, Faith, Gainesville to Sole, Our Redeemer, Albuquerque, NM

Funerals

Rev. Terrance S. Adamson (St. Mark, Lake Jackson) was called to glory on September 15, 2026. His funeral will be held October 10, 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark, Lake Jackson (501 Willow Dr). Please keep Pastor Adamson's wife, Claudia, and his family and friends in your prayers.

Mrs. Linda J. Preece, wife of Rev. Dr. Robert Preece (Em., Dallas), was called to glory on September 18, 2026. Her memorial service will be held October 31, 10:00 a.m. at Zion, Dallas (6121 E Lovers Ln). Please keep Pastor Preece and Linda's family and friends in your prayers.

Ordination Anniversary // October

10 years

Rev. Eddie Torea (10/23) - Cand., Plano

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Hispanic Heritage Month, Week 2 // Hispanic ministry is not one culture or one story. It represents many backgrounds, traditions, experiences, and generations, all brought together in Christ. One Church. Many Cultures. One Mission.

El ministerio hispano no representa una sola cultura ni una sola historia. Representa muchos trasfondos, tradiciones, experiencias y generaciones, todos unidos en Cristo.

[Watch this video for more information.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS // BE CONNECTED

2026

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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