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# NEWSLETTER



## Why Ministry Leaders Can't Ignore AI

Ministry leaders need to have conversations about AI with their churches now. Leaders can help congregants think about using AI through the lenses of Scripture, church teachings, and guidance from the Spirit. We should explain that AI offers powerful pattern-matching tools and note that people are uniquely created in the image of God.

We should be talking about what makes humans distinct and the importance of relationships. We should talk about how AI can assist as a brainstorming partner, how it offers great promise for science and medicine, AND how it raises serious ethical concerns, including its environmental impact and issues like plagiarism. Submitted by, Hughes

## ● technology and the church

San Angelo Ministerial Alliance is hosting a “free” pilot seminar that is designed to help churches develop cultures that influence more effective evangelism through technology. Topics that will be addressed are: welcoming, lay leadership development, stewardship, worship, administration, and outreach ministries.

This hybrid seminar will take place on Saturday, July 19, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST (in-person/Zoom)

**The Global Young People's Convocation (GYPC) is back! This unforgettable event, which happens only once every four years.**

**July 7-11, 2026 in Dublin.**

**Register:**

**<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=824530&>**



## Rio Texas Conference

**North District**

It is official, Stevens Chapel UMC now is under the North District in Austin, Texas. The new District Superintendents met with the Pastor/Laity Leaders at Annual Conference. Change is on the horizon! The North District will host a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

Pastor Sattiewhite celebrates five years of faithful service at Stevens Chapel UMC and will continue to serve in Schulenburg. The members of Stevens Chapel UMC are resilient and faithful servants to the Schulenburg community. Ephesians 3:20 NRSV



**Always Pray**



Combined

**VBS**

A time to come together as a multigenerational community and share faith stories, fellowship, arts & crafts, and enjoy a light lunch.

The summer is coming to an end and let's pray together for the upcoming school year!

*All are welcome!*



● **Community Events**

**July**

- July 6 - "Chat & Chew" at St. James MBC
- July 13 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Pastor's Anniversary @ Sanford UMC
- July 19 - Evangelism through technology seminar
- July 19 - Marriage Celebration Gathering (3pm - 7pm) for Rev & Mrs Stafford of St. James MBC

**August**

- Aug 2 - Schulenburg Annual Festival
- Aug 2 - VBS (youth/adults) @ Stevens Chapel
- Aug 5 - North District Zoom meeting
- Aug 9 - School Supply giveaway @ Wolters Park
- Aug 11 - School is back in session
- Aug 29 - Chicago, IL