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By Russ Dilday

Buckner News Service

LUBBOCK—Officers of the Baptist General Convention of Texas fielded an array of questions during an open forum at the BGCT annual session in Lubbock Nov. 10.

BGCT session: Parenting education bootcamp_111703

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By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

LUBBOCK—Successful parenting experiences hinge primarily on several key principles, according to leaders of a “Parenting Education Bootcamp” held in conjunction with the Baptist General Convention of Texas' annual session in Lubbock.

Assembly of God puppetmaker lends a hand at Baptist convention_111703

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By Craig Bird

Texas Baptist Communications

LUBBOCK-When it seems there is no way, God will make a way. And sometimes God will make a puppet-or at least send a puppet maker.

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LUBBOCK-Texas Baptists' desire for more hands-on missions opportunities is a core objective of Texas Woman's Missionary Union, according to the organization's executive director. And it's a desire the new WorldconneX network holds the promise of helping them fulfill, she added.

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LUBBOCK-Successful worship requires churches to rethink their focus, their schedule and their communities of believers, according to a Texas Baptist educator.

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Baptist Briefs

 **LifeWay looks to 'Left Behind.'** LifeWay Christian Resources is partnering with creators of the popular "Left Behind" series to help individuals and churches use the apocalyptic thrillers as tools to share the gospel. The evangelistic strategy, called "Share Eternity with Someone

Today," is available to download for free at LifeWay.com. The website-based campaign, which runs through December, is aimed at equipping readers of the "Left Behind" fiction series to use the novels as discussion starters for sharing their faith in Christ.

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Officials with Buckner Orphan Care International have issued an urgent plea for volunteers to sort and prepare thousands of donated shoes for shipment to children around the world.



Boxes and boxes of donated shoes are stacked high and deep in Buckner's Dallas warehouse. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help sort and repack the shoes for shipment to children around the world.

The plea comes amid a record outpouring of shoes donated to Shoes for Orphan Souls from all 50 states. Nearly 220,000 pairs of new shoes and thousands of pairs of socks have flooded into Buckner's warehouses in Dallas, according to Jeff Jones, director of program development.

While Buckner has managed to ship shoes to places in the world where cold weather is beginning to set in, Jones said he is desperate to complete the job of sorting thousands of shoes that have arrived since July.

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"Mom talks to God about us so we'll be prayer-conditioned."

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ANOTHER VIEW: Proposed amendment would 'trump' federal courts_111703

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Proposed amendment would 'trump' federal courts

By Tom Edwards

The U.S. Constitution says, "All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress" (Article 1, Section 1).

But the Constitution has been amended to state, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" (First Amendment) and, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people" (Tenth Amendment).

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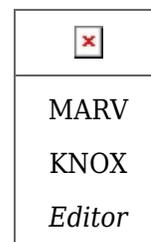
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DOWN HOME: Affirming words bless the family

We didn't eat any pot-luck dinners, but this year's Baptist General Convention of Texas annual session in Lubbock felt a lot like a family reunion.

If your extended family is like ours, you usually only get together for weddings and funerals. We had neither in Lubbock. But the vote to affirm the BGCT's partnership with Mexican Baptists felt a lot like a wedding. And the memorials committee's lovely report helped us give thanks for the lives of dear sisters and brothers who went home to be with the Lord this past year.



A change in format set the tone for this year's BGCT get-together. The planning committee replaced hours and hours and hours of business sessions with four workshop sessions, where participants learned more about missions, ministries and issues facing Baptists in Texas. Of course, we still conducted business, but we had time to learn from each other.

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BGCT's 2004 challenge: Align budget with priorities

Missions and ministries muscled their way to the forefront of the Baptist General Convention of Texas' consciousness Nov. 10-11 in Lubbock.

In a time when the BGCT doesn't have nearly enough funds to accomplish all it needs to do, that development must make an impact on how the convention spends its money. The next logical step is a serious study of the budgeting process in light of our priorities.

Messengers to the BGCT annual session took several steps themselves, solidifying the convention's priority on missions and ministries. They:

LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Nov. 23: God's peace can rule, judge and regulate life_111703

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☒ *Colossians 3:1-17*

By John Duncan