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What's another 500 miles when you're already traveling on mission?

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

A prayer request led a team of Mission Service Corps volunteers to take a 500-mile trip to a small-town church en route to their assignment. But getting there was only the beginning of their detour.

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Waxahachie woman chooses non-traditional path to missions

By Toby Druin

Editor Emeritus

In the next few weeks, maybe by the end of September, Gay Lynn McCrady hopes to be in a new hospital, swapping the uniform of Children's Medical Center of Dallas for the garb of Evangel Hospital in Jos, Nigeria.

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WHICH WAY?

Texans take diverse routes to missions

By Toby Druin

Editor Emeritus

Texas Baptist young people—and those not so young—have an almost infinite variety of avenues of service if they want to get involved in overseas missions.

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Missions network nearing staff leader choice

By Ken Camp

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DALLAS—The emerging Texas Baptist missions network is “closing in” on finding a staff leader, according to Albert Reyes, chairman of the network's search committee.

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Despite
touring
across the
country
and
performing
251
concerts
last year,
the David
Crowder
Band only
missed 11
Sundays at
University
Baptist
Church in
Waco.

David Crowder and his band stay true to their first love in Waco

By Leann Callaway

Special to the Standard

WACO—The son of an insurance broker, David Crowder planned to run the family business after graduation from Baylor University.

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DBU trains students for the business of music

DALLAS—Most universities have business schools, and many have music schools. Dallas Baptist University has married the two disciplines into a unique new bachelor's degree in music business.

The degree prepares students for work in the commercial music industry. DBU is the only four-year school in the Metroplex to offer such a degree.


Professor Terry Fansler instructs Justin Brooks and Christine Hand on how to use studio equipment.

“I tell my students, music is the product, and business is the process used to drive that product,” said Terry Fansler, DBU director of studies in music business. “To be successful in the music industry, students must clearly understand both the product and the process. This degree offers both—and in the right proportions. A good portion of the courses are in music, but an even larger percentage are in business.”

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On the Move

Mark Ashley has resigned as youth director at First Church in Hubbard.

♦ **Chad Barnett** to First Church in Paint Rock as pastor from Avenue D Church in Brownwood.

♦ **Randy Bartley** to Slide Church in Lubbock as pastor from First Church in Ralls.

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A DOG, A GUN & A DAD: Patterson's advice on boys

LAVACA, Ark. (BP)-The No. 1 problem in America today is a war against boys and the establishment of laws to prevent men from hunting and owning guns, Paige Patterson told a group of 1,300 men and boys at an Arkansas church.

Patterson, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, was keynote speaker at a Sportsman's Safari sponsored by First Baptist Church of Lavaca, Ark.



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(Matthew
Miller/SWBTS
Photo)

The goal of the event was “to get guys to see the things at church that they're normally looking for in the woods on Sunday,” said Pastor Grant Ethridge.

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Americans want double standard on display

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The majority of Americans approve of the display of a Ten Commandments monument in a public building but disapprove of a similar display featuring a verse from the Koran, Islam's holy book.

The contradiction was highlighted in a new Gallup poll for USA Today and CNN.

The poll, taken Sept. 19-21 and reported Sept. 30 in USA Today, found 70 percent of U.S. adults approve of the display of a monument to the Ten Commandments in a public school or government building, while 29 percent disapprove and 1 percent had no opinion.

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SBTC building \$3 million headquarters

GRAPEVINE-The Southern Baptists of Texas Convention is building a \$3 million headquarters in an office corridor near Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

The Dallas Business Journal reported the facility will be two stories with 30,000 square feet of space. It will be located on a 4-acre tract at 4500 State Highway 360.

In April, the convention's Executive Board approved the building plans. Construction will be paid for using \$3.3 million in surplus Cooperative Program funds collected through the end of 2002.

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Texas Baptist Men respond far & wide

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

Texas Baptist Men disaster relief volunteers responded simultaneously to disasters 1,800 miles apart in late September, offering aid in Maryland and the Rio Grande Valley.


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TOGETHER: For Texas' sake, fund new churches

Does Texas need more churches? Absolutely. We will have 1.7 million more people in Texas over the next five years. And if we do not meet them with the gospel and give them a place to belong in the body of Christ, we will be found negligent in our response to Christ's command.


CHARLES WADE Executive Director BGCT Executive Board

The BGCT Church Multiplication Center's "Genesis Project" goal is to help start 777 churches in three years. Since the project was launched in 2002, the center has resourced the starting of 372 churches. But our ability to continue helping start churches depends on more mission dollars through the Cooperative Program and the Mary Hill Davis Offering.

Recently, Abe Zabaneh, director of the Church Multiplication Center, spoke to our Texas Baptist Missions Foundation about why we need more churches. He identified five reasons: