

# **Texas religious leaders convene to consider human needs\_120803**

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## **Texas religious leaders convene to consider human needs**

**By Ken Camp**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

DALLAS-Shared concern about human needs in Texas, particularly criminal justice and immigration issues, recently brought together leaders of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Texas Conference of Churches.

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## **Texas Tidbits\_120803**

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# Texas Tidbits

✖ **ETBU honors nine.** The College of Marshall and East Texas Baptist University honored nine alumni during homecoming weekend: Madeleine Hall of Marshall received the Sallie Duncan Life Enrichment Award; Louise Bates of Mount Pleasant received the Frank Groner School Development Award; Clarence Parker of Dallas received the John Hugh Hill Scholarly Achievement Award; Rita Storie Turner of Tyler received the Wesley Smith Achievement Award; Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim of Pittsburg received the W.T. Tardy Service Award; Rudy Robbins of Bandera received the Alumni Achievement Award; Dana Rice of Longview received the Young Alumnus Award; Bobby Spross of Orange and Frank Beeman of Crescent City, Fla., each received Unsung Hero Awards.

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| ✖            |
| Joe<br>Sharp |

✖ **Sharp re-elected to lead HSU board.** Joe Sharp of Granbury has been re-elected chairman of the Hardin-Simmons University board of trustees. Other trustee officers include Hilton Hemphill of Dallas, vice chairman; Inez Kelley of Houston, secretary; and Fred Aurbach of Dallas, vice chair and assistant secretary.

✖ **DBU honors Hamilton and Estes.** Dallas Baptist University honored Wayne Hamilton and Weldon Estes during the Alumni Homecoming Banquet. Hamilton, currently the longest serving executive director of the Republican Party of Texas, received the 2003 DBU Distinguished Alumnus Award. Hamilton and his wife, Kara, live in Elgin and are members of Highpointe Baptist Church. Estes, who has served as a professor at Dallas Baptist University 30 years, was named the Honorary Alumnus. He and his

wife, Elizabeth, are members of First Baptist Church of Dallas.

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# **TOGETHER: Advent transforms darkness to light\_120803**

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## **TOGETHER: Advent transforms darkness to light**

While serving a Baptist church in Germany nearly 40 years ago, I learned about Advent, the season of anticipation and preparation for many Christians who celebrate at Christmas the birth of Jesus Christ. And it was a time of awakening for me.

As our family observed Advent, it made sense to me. It reminded me that darkness can be penetrated by light. The first step of Advent is to consider anew the darkness, the confusion and the hopelessness that prevailed before the coming of Jesus. There had been 400 years of prophetic silence before Jesus' birth. The Jews, God's covenant people, had suffered greatly under Greek and Roman tyranny. They awaited the Messiah. Would the promise be fulfilled?



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The angel Gabriel said to a virgin girl: "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." And it scared her. It would me too! "Don't be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High."

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# Virginia threatens Averett's funding\_120803

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## Virginia threatens Averett's funding

**By Robert Dilday**

*Virginia Religious Herald*

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP)-As expected, Virginia Baptists have taken action that could end their 144-year-old tie to Averett University unless a conflict

over homosexuality and biblical authority is resolved.

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# **Baptistway Bible Study for Texas for Dec. 21: The birth narrative\_112403**

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**For use on Dec. 21**

*Luke 2:8-20*

## **The birth narrative**

**By Gary Long**

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# **Texas Baptist Forum\_112403**

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# TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM:

## Doctrine & missions

Keith Eitel's letter, supported by Paige Patterson and sent to trustees of the International Mission Board, states that doctrinal issues, especially those involving women in places of authority over men, form the foundation for jettisoning all involvement with heretical missionary groups (Nov. 3).



Women are denigrated, as usual, and missionary groups who fail to follow the leader should be dropped.

Eitel, described as “one of the cutting-edge missiologists of our day,” can be seen, perhaps, as the user-friendly spokesman for fundamentalists. The “cutting” has already been accomplished in seminaries and workplaces across the convention. Those who were uprooted and cast out with neither grace nor concern are still feeling the rough “edge” to these actions.

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## GIVE A GOAT: Alternative Christmas gifts\_112403

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# **GIVE A GOAT: Alternative Christmas gifts**

**By Mark Wingfield**

*Managing Editor*

A number of Christian ministries have borrowed a page out of the Neiman-Marcus Christmas Catalog.

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# **Cybercolumn: Preparing for Christmas by Brett Younger\_112403**

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## **CYBERCOLUMN: Preparing for Christmas**

**By Brett Younger**

Those of us who don't count shopping days until Christmas are counting the days until we have to start counting shopping days until Christmas. We need to stop and ask, "What do we really want for Christmas?"



In addition to a pint of Ben and Jerry's Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough ice cream, Cotton Bowl tickets and an IOU for a copy of "Who Moved My Pulpit: A Brief Amusing Guide to Almost Everything Ministerial" by Brett Younger (available in March, Smyth & Helwys Publishing) we are all waiting for a moment when we feel the Spirit of Christmas. Some of the busyness of the holidays comes from our attempts to create a lump in the throat.

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## **Mark Wingfield to join Wilshire Baptist Church staff\_112403**

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### **Mark Wingfield to join staff of Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas**

**By Ken Camp**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

DALLAS-Baptist Standard Managing Editor Mark Wingfield is leaving denominational journalism after 21 years to join the staff of Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas.

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# Around the State\_112403

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## Around the State

### Appointments

Eleven missionaries with Texas ties have been appointed by the North American Mission Board:

 **Joe Buck**, who considers San Antonio his hometown, was appointed as a two-year resort missionary in Jackson Hole, Wy. He previously was a counselor for Laity Lodge in Leakey.



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## BaptistWay Bible Study for Texas for Dec. 7: Jesus the only

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**Dec. 7**

*1 John 1:1-2:2*

## **Jesus the only fix for broken lives**

**By Gary Long**