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Evangelism Conference adds missions for 2004

The Texas Baptist Evangelism Conference is now the Texas Evangelism & Missions Conference.

Conference organizer Rick Davis hopes the expanded event will connect and mobilize generations of Christians to reach unchurched Texans with the gospel. Davis is director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Center for Strategic Evangelism.

The 2004 conference will be held Jan. 15-17 at First Baptist Church in Richardson and will feature author Calvin Miller as a keynote speaker.

Other speakers include Chris Seay of Ecclesia Church in Houston, Ray Still of Oakwood Baptist Church in New Braunfels and evangelist Ronnie Hill.

While the focus of previous years' events has been on information, Davis hopes now to add more inspiration.

"We are going to try to compact things and make it more of an inspirational event," he explained. "We want people to take what they learn and put it to work. We want to see baptisms go up. We want people to leave missional."

The mission component has been added to better educate and inspire believers to reach the large number of non-Christians in the state, he said, noting that evangelism no longer can be separated from missions. "They're

not two sides of the same coin,” Davis added. “They're the same picture of the same coin.”

Special events include a Senior Saints luncheon, film festival, missional church breakfast and a bivocational ministers' and wives' meal.

Conference information will be updated at www.bgct.org/evangelism/temc. For information beyond the website, call Coleen Brooks at (888) 269-3826.

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