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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)-The Annuity Board will change its name and begin serving evangelical organizations beyond the Southern Baptist Convention if SBC messengers approve the changes next summer.

Initial approval was given by the SBC Executive Committee.

The Dallas-based SBC agency proposes to change its name to GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention. The name change recommendation would require approval by messengers at two consecutive annual meetings. Next summer in Indianapolis, the convention will be asked to authorize the board to do business as GuideStone Financial Resources for one year, pending a second affirmative vote in Nashville in 2005.

Around the State_102003

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Around the State

New faculty at East Texas Baptist University include **Doug Barlow**, assistant professor of chemistry; **Kay Caufield**, instructor of nursing; **Bob Conlin**, instructor of kinesiology/assistant athletic trainer; **Brent Farmer**, instructor of music/ band director; **Ray Herman**, instructor of voice; **Blanca Jenkins**, instructor of Spanish; **Rick Johnson**, professor of religion; **Brent Maddox**, assistant professor of theatre arts; **Allen Redmon**, assistant professor of English; and **John Sargent**, assistant professor of education. New staff include **Robert Hogberg**, mechanical maintenance manager; and **Mike Midkiff**, director of public relations and marketing.

♦ **Renee Burns** has been named director of academic advising at Houston Baptist University.



Waco Baptist
Association
sent nine
people to
Boston to lead
Experiencing
God sessions
and provide
Sunday
School and
Vacation
Bible School
conferences.
The group
also held
prayerwalks
in
Southbridge,
Mass., and
portions of
Vermont.
Participating
were Larrye
Weaver, Larry
Key, Billy
Edwards,
Margie Cox
and Royce
Montgomery;
Jerry and
Kathy Brooks,
Paul Stripling
and Rex
Bland.

♦ **Larry Reeves** has been named director of the Mayborn Campus Center and university host at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. He formerly was director of campus activities and special events, campus and conference coordinator, and university host since 1982. He also is minister of music at First Church in Rosebud.

Barna: Americans eat big, give little_102003

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Americans eat big, give little

VENTURA, Calif. (RNS) -Americans spend almost 50 times as much money on fast food in a year than they do on helping poor children, a survey by the Barna Research Group shows.

The typical respondent reported his or her household spends about \$240 a year on fast food. In that same period, a typical household spends only \$5 on assisting children in poverty.

The survey indicated half of respondents' households had not donated anything to organizations helping the poor in the last year.

Church helps Baylor students take a load off_102003

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

HEWITT-Members of Brazos Meadows Baptist Church in Hewitt are taking loads off students' minds and washing machines.

Santa needs help at Mission Arlington_102003

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Santa needs help at Mission Arlington

By George Henson

Staff Writer

ARLINGTON-Wanted: People with enough mechanical ability to inflate a tire and light up a smile. Additional mechanical ability a plus. Call (214) 405-5223 or (817) 226 8143, ext. 233 for more information.

BJC reduces budget, updates board, elects officers_102003

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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Directors of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs adopted a smaller budget and heard a report on the organization's work-including its involvement with an important upcoming Supreme Court case-during the group's annual meeting this fall.

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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Christians who support the separation of church and state should step up their battle against forces that are eroding that principle, said Rep. Chet Edwards.

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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Under the watchful gaze of Baptist pioneer Roger Williams, speakers at a convocation sponsored by two Baptist organizations sounded notes of serious concern about the status of religious freedom in the United States.

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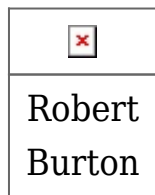
Baptist Briefs



New PK head is Baptist. The new president of Promise Keepers,

Thomas Fortson, is a member of Riverside Baptist Church in Denver, a Southern Baptist Convention church. Fortson had been executive vice president of the ministry.

✖ **Huckaby at Southwestern.** Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee will speak at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's Veterans Day chapel service Nov. 11. Huckabee, a former pastor, attended Southwestern.



✖ **Bryan dies.** Charles Willis Bryan, a former Southern Baptist missionary to Costa Rica, Peru and Colombia and retired senior administrator for the Foreign Mission Board, died Oct. 11. He was 80. Missionary colleagues praised Bryan as a visionary leader who had a gift for involving others in creative strategies to take the gospel to the whole world. In 1980, he was elected senior vice president for overseas operations and joined the staff at the IMB home office in Richmond, Va. After his 1988 retirement, Bryan helped Virginia Baptists establish missions partnerships with seven countries as director of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board's newly formed mission partnerships department. Most recently, he has served as a volunteer in the partnership missions department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Prior to missionary appointment, he served in the U.S. Navy and was pastor of Sadler Baptist Church in Sadler. He is survived by his wife, the former Patricia Morgan Deaton of Wilmington, N.C.; two daughters, Carol Ann Griggs of Fort Worth, and Elizabeth Ann Bryant of Fort Worth; two stepdaughters, Joanna Deaton Bradley of Greenville, N.C., and Andrea Deaton of Philadelphia, Pa.; and four granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Martha, and his second wife, the former Lois Blackburn.

BaptistWay Lesson for 11/16: Instructions for walking with God_102003

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1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12, 5:14-22

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BaptistWay Lesson for 11/2: A church for which to be

grateful_102003

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1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10, 2: 13-14

A church for which to be grateful

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BaptistWay Lesson for 11/23: Hope for loved ones and ourselves_102003

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1 Thessalonians 4:13- 5:11

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