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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

NASHVILLE (ABP)—Harold Bennett, who led Southern Baptists during their most difficult era, died July 27 after a brief bout with pancreatic cancer.

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By Erin Curry

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)-Greg Benno, an International Mission Board worker in southern Africa, encouraged 6,500 Acteens to go to the nations, give money for missions or pray for unreached people out of a love for God.

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Baptist Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)-Public schools in Nashville will be a bit cleaner

this fall thanks to thousands of Acteens who went around the city July 31, lending a helping hand.

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National
WMU
President
Janet
Hoffman
addresses
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gathering
of teen
girls at
the
Tennessee
Capitol.
(Larry
Hyche/BP
Photo)

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Baptist Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—More than 6,500 teenage girls, gathered for the National Acteens Convention in Nashville, assembled for a prayer rally at the Tennessee State Capitol to pray for Nashville, Tennessee, America and the world.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)-Thanks to a bit of ingenuity, thousands of Acteens were able to tour the world in just two hours.

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (ABP)-The federal judge who last year ruled that a monument to the Ten Commandments in Alabama's judicial building is unconstitutional has set an Aug. 20 deadline for the statue's removal.

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The All- State Choir and Orchestra performs at Westbury Baptist Church in Houston.

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HOUSTON-Ministry harmonized with music this year as the Texas Baptist All-State Choir and Orchestra took on a new emphasis.

In addition to rehearsals and performances, the 169 high school students selected for the All-State group devoted a day to hands-on ministry in a variety of settings.

“We began seeing the need to change the emphasis from performance to missions for the students,” explained Debbie Smith, one of the event's organizers. “Our role is not only to equip them for music ministry. We want to instill in them that what we do with our God-given talent is more than just singing; it's getting in the midst of people with your hands and your

heart.”



Blake Owens of First Baptist Church in New Braunfels serves at the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Houston.

Around the State_81103

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Around the State

Hardin-Simmons University has added 14 people to the university's media relations advisory board including **Fran Adkins, Randy Armstrong, Glenn Dromgoole, Jack Holden, Ewart Jones Jr., Bob Lapham, Werth Mayes, Terry Minami, Bryan Mundy, Richard Seaman, Janie Sellers, Don Tabor, Dick Tarpley** and **Darrell Wood**.

♦ **Amy Austin** has been named assistant director of alumni relations at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

♦ **Dennis O'Connell**, professor of physical therapy, has been named to occupy the Shelton-Lacewell Endowed Chair of Physical Therapy at Hardin-Simmons University.



On hand for the dedication of the new sanctuary of First Church in Troup were former pastors, staff and their families. Included were (first row) Vicki Rogers, Phyllis Elliott, D.J.

Buckley, Toy Buckley, Whitney Buckley, Dotty Cheatham and Pastor James Cheatham; (second row) Kevin Rogers, Danny Elliott, David Buckley, Charles Goodson and Phyllis Goodson; (third row) David Waldrop, Jeannie Ashcraft, Doris Bilderback, Michelle King and Michaela King; (fourth row) Lynn Ashcraft, Carl Bilderback, Minister of Music and Youth Lance King and McKenzie King.

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

WACO-Diverse Asian Baptist youth connected with each other and responded to the gospel at "Take Out," a new Baptist General Convention of Texas-sponsored camp.

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Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS-Texas Baptist schools may see fewer dollars in the 2004 Baptist General Convention of Texas Cooperative Program budget than in the 2003 budget, but they actually could receive more money next year.

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LUBBOCK-Messengers accustomed to sitting for hours in a meeting hall, listening to report after report at the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual session will have to adjust their expectations for this year's meeting, Nov. 10-11 in Lubbock.

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BELTON-As many as seven out of 100 people in a church experienced abuse as children, according to conservative estimates. Texas Baptist leaders want to help congregational leaders learn how to minister to those unique needs.