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GARB opposes open theism. The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches has taken a stand against the theological concept of open theism, the belief that God may choose not to fully know the future and can be spontaneous. Messengers to the meeting in Riverside, Calif., said they "reject open theism because it redefines the orthodox, biblical teachings on the attributes of our great God." The GARB has about 132,000 members.

☒ **Warren and Falwell team.** Rick Warren and Jerry Falwell will team in October to train more than 10,000 church leaders in the first Purpose-Driven Church Conference offered east of the Mississippi River. Touted as a SuperConference, it will combine 11 Purpose-Driven seminars on the campus of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. Warren is pastor of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif., and author of "The Purpose-Driven Life" and "The Purpose-Driven Church." Falwell is pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va.

☒ **Eldridge leaves Southwestern.** Daryl Eldridge, dean of the School of Educational Ministries at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, has been named president of Rockbridge University, an interdenominational school based in Springfield, Mo., that will provide ministerial education exclusively via the Internet to non-traditional students. A 19-year employee of Southwestern, Eldridge became dean of the educational ministries school in 1996.

Christian Baseball League Aims to Offer `Godly' Way of Doing Sports_82503

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By Bruce Nolan

Religion News Service

NEW ORLEANS—Jarvis Martin, a Witness, started off wobbly, walking the Prophets' lead-off man, Dustin Rigsby, then letting Rigsby take second on a wild pitch.

Amy Grant sings a louder faith in 'Simple Things'_82503

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Amy Grant sings a louder faith in 'Simple Things'

By Steve Rabey

Religion News Service

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (RNS)-For two decades, Amy Grant was an icon for the embryonic contemporary Christian music industry, earning its first gold and platinum records and the mainstream credibility it so desperately craved.

Paris pastor leads his people to a higher plane-on foot_82503

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Paris pastor leads his people to a higher plane-on foot

By **George Henson**

Staff Writer

PARIS-While many lessons are learned in life's valleys, there also is something to be said for the mountaintops, Pastor Randall Perry believes.

Around the State_82503

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Around the State

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship recently endorsed several chaplains who will serve in Texas, including **Jeff Lancaster**, Denison; **Harrison Roper**, Waco; **Hazel Thomas**, Fort Worth; and **Pam Rains**, Beaumont.

☒ Alumni of the University of Miami, Florida International University and Miami-Dade Community College who participated in Baptist Student Ministries are asked to send contact information to miamibcm@aol.com or call (305) 667-1066 in preparation for a Nov. 15 reunion.

Appointments

Sloan: Baylor's basketball sins call for repentance _82503

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Sloan: Baylor's basketball sins call for repentance but not withdrawal

By Mark Wingfield

Managing Editor

WACO—Revelations of extensive improprieties within Baylor University's men's basketball program should not cause the Baptist school to leave the Big 12 Conference, but should prompt repentance and re-examination, President Robert Sloan insists.

Baylor Faculty Senate asked to evaluate Sloan _82503

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By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

WACO-Some Baylor University faculty leaders announced intentions Aug. 20 to seek a vote of no confidence in President Robert Sloan, saying he is too divisive to continue guiding the school.

Human welfare agencies could hold steady in BGCT funding_82503

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By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

SAN ANGELO-Texas Baptist child-care homes, facilities for the aging and

hospitals would receive about the same amount of funding next year from the Baptist General Convention of Texas as they have received this year, if a proposed budget is adopted and funded.

BGCT to create funding channel for some former IMB missionaries _82503

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS-Texas Baptists may soon have a way for churches and individuals to provide financial support to former Southern Baptist missionaries who were terminated or resigned over the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message doctrinal statement.

Bombin the Clown has a nose for ministry_82503

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Bombin the Clown has a nose for ministry

By Leann Callaway

Special to the Standard

FORT WORTH—Most people associate clowns with children's birthday parties or a circus. But a “clown ministry” is much more than that—it's a form of creative evangelism.

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"Purpose Driven" still on top. "The Purpose Driven Life," written by California pastor Rick Warren, continues to top the religion best-seller list,

with 4.5 million copies of the hardback book already sold. The retail price of the book is \$19.99.

✘ **Northeast university students sought.** The Baptist Convention of New England seeks information on Baptist students entering any of the universities in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. John Ramirez, director of collegiate ministry for New England Baptists, would like to connect these students with Baptist campus ministries. Contact Ramirez at (508) 393-6013 or John.Ramirez@bcne.net.

✘ **IMB leaders call for more missionaries.** Despite current economic challenges that have slowed missionary appointments, Southern Baptists need to increase their overseas missionary force by at least one-half, International Mission Board regional leaders said in an Aug. 4-8 strategy session. "This is not a time when Southern Baptists should be sending fewer missionaries," President Jerry Rankin said. "The lostness of our world is undiminished. Christ's mandate is still for us to make disciples of all peoples. And our mission of making Jesus Christ known among all peoples will not change." In addition to proclaiming the need for at least 8,500 IMB missionaries, the regional leaders agreed how the limited number of positions for new workers available in 2004 will be divided among the board's 15 regions.

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Paige Patterson

Bible Study for Texas for 9_14_82503

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Baptistway Lesson for Sept. 14

Philippians 1:27; 2:15

Live a life worthy of the gospel

By David Morgan