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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM:

No compulsory creeds

A recent letter suggested B.H. Carroll, James P. Boyce, John Broaddus and E.Y. Mullins all used confessions of faith in a creedal manner (June 2). I beg to differ.

In the "Centennial Story of Texas Baptists," published in 1939, the editor summarizes 12 Baptist distinctives that have generally characterized Baptists since our beginnings.

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Articles 7 and 8 state:

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Toombs' 'Little Tommy' character headed to Texas camps

By **Leann Callaway**

Special to the Standard

Wearing red overalls and a yellow baseball hat, Tom Toombs looks like a big kid.

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On the Move

Kimberly Case to Windsor Park Church in DeSoto as children's ministries director.

- ♦ **Michael Carter** to North Naples Church in Naples, Fla., as associate pastor and youth director from River Road Church in Amarillo, where he was pastor.

- ♦ **Jamie Curry** to First Church in Floresville as youth minister.

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Participants in this year's Opportunity Camp play a baseball game in the open spaces of East Texas Baptist Encampment, where they find open arms and open hearts as well.

Opportunity knocks at this camp for Texas' hard-knocks teenagers

By George Henson

Staff Writer

NEWTON-With boys everywhere, at first glance this could be a Royal Ambassador camp. Boys are playing basketball, talking to counselors, wondering how much longer until dinner.

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Hawkins reports on Annuity Board options, urges fitness

By Tony Martin

Mississippi Baptist Record

PHOENIX-In a climate of uncertain financial stability, O.S. Hawkins gave a glimmer of hope to participants in the Annuity Board's investment programs.

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Appeal on chaplains policy tops SBC business

By Bob Terry

Alabama Baptist

PHOENIX-Should Southern Baptist military chaplains be ordained ministers?

sbc_gaytaskforce_62303

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SBC appeals to homosexuals to become heterosexual

By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

PHOENIX (ABP)-The Southern Baptist Convention wants its churches to begin "ministries of compassion" to homosexuals to encourage them to abandon the gay lifestyle.

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Rankin: 'Break down wall of Islam'

By Jennifer Davis Rash

Alabama Baptist

PHOENIX-International Mission Board President Jerry Rankin sent out an urgent plea to help “break down the wall” of Islam during the closing session of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 18.

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SBC resolves families need help, decries gay unions

By Marv Knox

Editor

PHOENIX-Southern Baptists punctuated key themes of their annual gathering with statements affirming “kingdom families” and condemning homosexual unions.

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Texas pastor explains change of view

PHOENIX-The Texas pastor whose request launched the Southern Baptist Convention's new initiative on homosexuality said his views on the controversial topic have changed under conviction from God.

Bob Stith, pastor of Carroll Baptist Church in Southlake, told SBC messengers that in the past he had been “your typical hard-nosed, redneck pastor on the subject of homosexuality.”

“Everything I said in conversations and sermons was harsh,” he acknowledged. “Then I sensed God saying something to me one day, asking me if someone who was struggling with that heard me preach, would they come to me for help. I realized that they would not come to me, and if they did I would not have much to offer them.”

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SBC speakers promote kingdom, family

By Tony Cartledge

North Carolina Biblical Recorder

PHOENIX, Ariz.-Theme interpreters focused on the kingdom of God and crises facing the church during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 17-18.

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Women are 'jewels' of God's creation,

humorist says

By Stacey Hamby

Midwestern Seminary

PHOENIX (BP)—Liz Curtis Higgs delivered her trademark humor to nearly 1,000 women at the Ministers' Wives Conference luncheon June 17 during the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting in Phoenix.