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BGCT Elder Statesman Award presented to Herbert Reynolds

By Marv Knox

Editor

INDEPENDENCE—Praised as “a Baptist from the top of his head to the tip of his toes,” Herbert Reynolds received the Baptist General Convention of Texas' Elder Statesman Award June 1.

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More than 200 Texas Baptist students head out for missions work worldwide

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

ARLINGTON-Neither wars nor disease nor financial instability could keep more than 200 Texas Baptist students from embarking on summer missions projects this month.

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Pastors say long tenures benefit ministries

By Toby Druin

Editor Emeritus

Houston Garner became pastor of Hebron Baptist Church in 1963, the year President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas. Forty years later and soon to be 75, Garner remains pastor of the church located near Bells, east of Sherman.

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Texas Tidbits

Dilday gives commencement address. Russell Dilday delivered the address to Howard Payne University's graduating class during recent commencement ceremonies. He served as interim president in 2002-2003. Lanny Hall presided over his first commencement as president at Howard Payne as the university awarded baccalaureate degrees to more than 250 graduates. Alfonso Flores Jr., pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana de San Antonio, received the honorary doctor of divinity degree.

♦ **Garland feted.** Diana Garland, dean of the School of Social Work at Baylor University, will receive the Priscilla and Aquila Award from Christians for Biblical Equality in Orlando, Fla., Aug. 9. The award is given to those who have "risked their necks for the gospel," a reference to Romans 16:3-4.

♦ **Jordan scholarship named.** Dallas Baptist University has created a scholarship fund in honor of Chris Jordan, professor of biology at DBU for 21 years, and his wife. The scholarships will be given to Christian students majoring in biology or pre-med.

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TOGETHER: Strategic plan charts BGCT's course

The Baptist General Convention of Texas strategic plan casts a seven-part vision for Texas Baptists-reaching all people, beginning new churches, improving church health, encouraging healthy families, meeting human needs, equipping the laity and developing theological education. We are moving forward in building a stronger convention by helping our churches, institutions and related ministries be stronger and healthier.

In the next five years, I believe, we will see several things happen in Texas Baptist life:

We will start more than enough churches to maintain our current church-to-population ratio. This will mean that we must start between 1,100 and 1,200 churches to help us share the gospel with the ethnic cultures of Texas.

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Mary Hardin-Baylor opens School of Christian Studies

By Ken Camp

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BELTON-The dean of the new School of Christian Studies at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor believes the name of the new program clearly expresses its focus and purpose.

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Woman's Missionary Union reports

growth nationwide

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) -After several years of declines and plateaus, enrollment in Woman's Mission Union programs nationwide grew more than 12 percent last year.

"We are very excited to see a renewed interest among Baptists in missions education and missions involvement," said Wanda Lee, executive director-treasurer of WMU. "It is encouraging to see an increasing number of churches implement and develop WMU age-level organizations that provide an opportunity for Christians to better understand and be personally involved in the mission of God."

The increase in WMU enrollment was reported across the United States. Thirty-two out of 41 states or conventions with WMU organizations showed growth. The largest gains were reported in Texas, followed by Alabama, Virginia, Florida and Mississippi. Rounding out the top 10 were Missouri, North Carolina, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indiana.

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Story List for 5/19 Issue

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM

Who's good enough?

In the summer of 2001, I had the distinct pleasure of going to Spain on a mission trip through the Baptist General Convention of Texas with a group from Howard Payne University's Baptist Student Ministry.

One week was spent in Alcobendas, at the only Baptist seminary in Spain. David and Susie Dixon served there, and I had the honor of meeting them.

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While there, David and I pondered the possibility of International Mission Board missionaries being required to sign the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message. I remember his statement that he would never sign it. Recent reports of his termination indicate he kept his word.

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Cartoons

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"There's a fellow here who wants to donate a brand-new lobby to the church in honor of his great aunt-Vesta Buhl."



"It's my new invention for impromptu preaching-the inflatable Port-a-Pulpit!"

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and around the world.

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**'People who are dying are still living,'
author reminds**

By Mark Wingfield

Managing Editor

“People who are dying are still living.”

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NAMB identifies two issues with BGCT

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

The president of the North American Mission Board has identified two “weighty issues” that must be addressed in a proposed cooperative agreement between NAMB and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.