

# **Seminary attorney clarifies trustee statement\_120604**

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)-New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary attorney Don Richard recently issued a letter to Southern Baptist Convention attorneys, providing documentation about sole membership language approved by seminary trustees during a closed executive session in mid-October.

Previously, the exact nature of the actions taken in the closed session was unclear, even though the trustees publicly released two motions they had approved.

The news is significant, observers noted, because it signals the seminary's compliance with the request by SBC messengers at the 2004 annual meeting that the seminary adopt sole membership at their October meeting by amending the seminary's charter.

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# On the Move\_120604

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## On the Move

**Jim Anderson** to First Church in Caddo Mills as pastor.

✘ **David Askins** has resigned as pastor of Fairview Church in Greenville.

✘ **Jack Bodenhamer** to Trinity Church in Sweetwater as youth minister from First Church in Comanche, where he was a youth ministry intern.

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# Central Texas Christians give record amount to Operation Christmas Child\_120604

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# amount to Operation Christmas Child

**By Terri Jo Ryan**

*Special to the Baptist Standard*

WACO—A record number of shoeboxes filled with small gifts were collected recently at Highland Baptist Church, the final stop in Central Texas for presents intended for Operation Christmas Child.

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## **Prayer partnership sparks revival, DOM says\_120604**

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

Prayer is connecting Texas Baptists with Christians from New England to the Rocky Mountains, and it is bringing revival with it, firsthand observers report.

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# **Poll shows Americans divided over question of evolution vs. creation\_120604**

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**By Kevin Eckstrom**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)-A Gallup Poll suggests Americans are divided over how the world was created-either through evolution or at the hand of God-but either way, they appear skeptical that it happened exactly as described in the book of Genesis.

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## **Handmade lap quilts a labor of**

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## **Handmade lap quilts a labor of undying love for Garland man**

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

GARLAND-As a living memorial to his late wife, Jeanie, Tom Kelly continues a nursing home ministry she envisioned to warm body and soul.

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## **Volunteers share love of reading with kids at children's home\_120604**

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Teachers from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society read to twin brothers during the Bountiful Book Party held on the Texas Baptist Children's Home campus. Members of the society brought three books each to share with the home's single parent ministry. Susan Lee (right), supervisor for Texas Baptist Children's Home's Family Care program, talks to one toddler about the books provided by the Delta Kappa Gamma Society of teachers during the Bountiful Book Party.

# Volunteers share love of reading with kids at children's home

By **Miranda Bradley**

*Texas Baptist Children's Home*

Fifty teachers recently opened a new classroom in Round Rock on the Texas Baptist Children's Home campus. But instead of blackboards and erasers, the two cottages, which normally house up to 10 Family Care residents, were filled with books and children. And the one lesson these volunteers wanted to teach was a love for reading.

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# Pro-life Democrat, pro-choice Republican likely to lead Senate

By **Robert Marus**

*ABP Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Senate Democrats, whose party officially supports abortion rights, have elected an abortion opponent as their leader.

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# **Baptist state conventions urge ban on same-sex marriage\_120604**

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**By Greg Warner**

*Associated Baptist Press*

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (ABP)- As “values voters” in 11 states sent a political message rejecting same-sex marriage, Baptist conventions in at least seven states offered a resounding “amen” by adopting resolutions against the practice.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)-The Supreme Court has denied a request to review a Massachusetts court's decision that legalized gay marriage in that state.

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## **TBM responds to flooding in Coastal Plains\_120604**

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## **TBM responds to flooding in Coastal**

# Plains

WHARTON-Flooding interrupted the Thanksgiving holiday for residents southwest of Houston, but Texas Baptist Men volunteers came to the rescue by providing meals and clean-up help.

Four TBM disaster relief units have responded to flooding in the Coastal Plains. In less than a week, volunteers served more than 1,000 meals, and completed about 20 clean-up jobs, as well as providing showers and laundry service.

Bill Pyle, a member of First Baptist Church in Karnes City and leader of the Gambrell Baptist Association clean-out/shower unit, said the water had receded after several days, and volunteers finally were able to get into all previously flooded areas.

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## **Denton Baptists use holidays to share the gospel with international students\_120604**

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Lee Chen,  
11, (left)  
catches his  
brother  
Yang, 9,  
admiring his  
piece of  
pecan pie  
during a  
Thanksgiving  
meal for  
international  
students.  
The event is  
part of a  
First Baptist  
Church in  
Denton  
ministry to  
international  
students at  
the  
University of  
North  
Texas.(John  
Hall Photos)

## **Denton Baptists use holidays to share**

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

DENTON-Thanksgiving and Christmas are about more than turkey and dressing for some members of First Baptist Church in Denton.