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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

DURHAM, N.C.—Mainline Protestant denominations face a leadership shortage in spite of an apparent surplus of ordained ministers because many of them are hesitant to enter congregational work and reluctant to serve smaller churches, a study by Duke University's Pulpit and Pew Research on Pastoral Leadership revealed.

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Sponsors of a proposed constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage announced a change they say clarifies the proposal, but the amendment's opponents call the change a ruse to gain more support for the effort.

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Editor Marv Knox (left) and Advertising Manager David Clanton (3rd from left) of the Baptist Standard join representatives from other religious publications in forming Good News Advertising.

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DALLAS—The Baptist Standard has joined 30 other faith-based newspapers to create a new advertising consortium serving a five-state market.

The association, called Good News Advertising, represents newspapers with 3.5 million readers.

The advertising market-created by 31 newspapers with more than 1.3 million subscribing households in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico—will offer quality advertisers a “one-buy” opportunity at affordable rates, organizers said.

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DALLAS—The lone survivor of a drive-by shooting in Mosul, Iraq that killed four Southern Baptist humanitarian aid workers is recovering in a Dallas-area hospital.

Carrie "Niki" McDonnall of Rowlett was transported to Dallas from a German hospital March 20. She underwent surgery March 24 for nerve and skin grafts on her left hand and will begin physical therapy soon, said family spokesman Van Payne.

Carrie McDonnall

Her doctors are "very pleased" with her progress and moved her to a private room that same day, earlier than they had expected, Payne said.

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By John Pierce

Baptists Today

ROME, Ga. (ABP)—Shorter College's reorganization that created a self-perpetuating board of trustees last year “cannot stand” without the Georgia Baptist Convention's approval, a state appeals court has ruled.

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By Lance Wallace

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

NAIROBI, Kenya-The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Baptist Convention of Kenya and World Vision have entered a ministry partnership to help meet the needs of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

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Archaeologist
David
Maltsberger
stands
outside
Istanbul
during a
spring break
trip to
Turkey
where he
visited the
sites of the
seven
churches
mentioned in
Revelation.

Archaeologist finds life lessons in ancient relics

By Craig Bird

Special to the Baptist Standard

SAN ANTONIO—Professor David Maltsberger soon will teach a nationwide television audience about biblical weapons and warfare. If the History Channel had asked him, he could have talked about church planting, too.

Around the State_40504

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Around the State

Linda Carleton is retiring as dean of students at Hardin-Simmons University in order to coordinate that university's Community Renewal program. She retains her title as associate vice president. She has been dean of students 19 years. Community Renewal is only one of several programs she helped form while dean of students. Others include the Unity Group, the First Generation program and the leadership program. The Community Renewal program will focus on four areas-Habitat for Humanity, a Friendship House, a literacy program and teenage outreach. Carleton will operate in both positions until a new dean of students is in place.

Events

♦ Gambrell Street Church is holding a series of special Sunday evening services during April at 6 p.m. **Russell Dilday**, former president of Southwestern Seminary, spoke April 4. April 11 will feature the music presentation "Christ Speaks on Festival Days." **James Dunn**, president of the foundation for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, will speak April 18. **Daniel Vestal**, coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, speaks April 25. **Clyde Glazener** is pastor.



Jeanette Eck helped 7- and 8-year-old boys with their craft projects and Bible studies during a mission trip to Honduras earlier this year. Seven women from First Church in Georgetown made the trip to assist International Mission Board missionaries Tom and Susan Canady in leading a Vacation Bible School. More than 200 children attended during the week, with an average attendance of 154.

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

Potential mission gifts may be gathering dust in attics, claim leaders of empty tomb, an interfaith stewardship organization.

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By Sondra Washington

Woman's Missionary Union

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)-The first six weeks of motherhood can be one of the most difficult seasons in a woman's life, author Rebecca Ingram Powell believes.

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DALLAS-Eleven charitable gifts totaling more than \$5.7 million received recently by Baylor Health Care System will support critical needs in patient care, medical education and research, leaders of the Dallas-based hospital

system said.

“We are deeply grateful to receive these generous gifts that will benefit the wide range of services Baylor offers,” said Joel Allison, president and chief executive officer of Baylor Health Care System.

“Each and every gift will help Baylor fulfill its not-for-profit mission of serving the community.”

No break from ministry for student missionaries_40504

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Thousands of spring break vacationers—mostly high school and college students—roam the beach at South Padre Island as giant sand sculptures depicting Jesus' resurrection, death on the cross and outstretched arms provide scenic testimony. Beach Reach mission volunteers would “hang out” by the sculptures to strike up conversations about spiritual matters with passersby.	Hardin-Simmons University Baptist Student Ministry Director Chris Sammons (right) and a group of students work in a Boston inner-city kitchen during spring break.
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No break from ministry for student missionaries

By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND—No written record documents commitments to Christ made one night this spring on South Padre Island. But campus minister Buddy Young said hundreds of college students used the local convention center as an altar that evening to “lay their lives down for the work of the kingdom.”