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Baylor names faith and learning director. Baylor University has named Douglas Henry, assistant professor of philosophy in the university's honors college, as director of Baylor's Institute for Faith and Learning. Henry has been acting director of the institute, whose stated goal is to integrate academic excellence and Christian commitment. He holds a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, and he earned master's and doctorate degrees from Vanderbilt University.

ETBU dean honored. Carolyn Harvey, dean of the Frank S. Groner Endowed Memorial School of Professional Studies department of nursing at East Texas Baptist University, received a Friends of Public Health Award from the Texas Department of Health. The award recognizes groups or individuals committed to improving public health. In October, Harvey led senior ETBU nursing students in a project that included conducting a health assessment of the area surrounding Caddo Lake, along with providing area residents with flu shots, cholesterol and diabetes tests, and information on breast and prostate cancer.

DBU receives gift. Dallas Baptist University received a \$100,000 gift from real-estate executive Ebby Halliday that will be used in conjunction with the university's Ruth Ray Hunt Challenge grant. Halliday has been a DBU supporter and benefactor for more than 30 years and has contributed to numerous scholarship funds and building campaigns.

Together: Teams asked to provide bold vision_32204

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TOGETHER; Teams asked to provide bold vision

Revisioning and restructuring have captured a lot of attention lately in Baptist General Convention of Texas life. What God wants from churches and what role this convention should play in helping congregations become all God dreams them to be are the questions being considered.

Four teams are seeking God's direction regarding his vision for Texas Baptists. They are praying, sharing ideas and visualizing what our work would look like if we could be gripped by God's passion for us. Laity, ministers-older and younger-and BGCT staff comprise the teams. Additionally, I am working with associational directors of missions, CEOs of our institutions, seminary students and others to get their ideas and concerns on the table.

Undergirding this deliberation and dreaming is a prayer team, quietly working behind the scenes to lift these work groups to the Lord. I have asked them to pray specifically for three things-that we will know the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5), that we will have wisdom beyond our own (James 1:5) and that we will have courage to move forward as God directs

(Joshua 1:9). Please join them in praying.

CHARLES WADE Executive Director BGCT Executive Board
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WMU board affirms BWA, sets \$5 million goal for offering_32204

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WMU board affirms BWA, sets \$5 million goal for offering

By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS-The Woman's Missionary Union of Texas board of directors has affirmed its continuing support for the Baptist World Alliance, the BWA

Women's Department and the North American Baptist Women's Union.

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CYBERCOLUMN: Amazing, costly grace

By Jeanie Miley

It was so quiet in the banquet room of the hotel that you could almost hear the blood coursing through peoples' veins. The speaker owned the room.

Only recently, this man had been released from prison after serving time on Death Row. After decades, he was a free man, thanks to the help of those who never gave up on him and never quit believing in his innocence. My mind struggled to wrap itself around the awfulness of the wasted years. I wept at the thought of how precious freedom must be to him.

Jeanie Miley

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HSU considers allowing on-campus dances

ABILENE—Hardin-Simmons University's administrative council will decide whether to permit supervised on-campus dances as a part of student social activities.

Student Congress President Ash Wright and Parliamentarian Wayne Holder recently asked the university's trustees to consider allowing campus facilities to be used for social activities that include student mixers and dances.

Currently, student organizations have off-campus social gatherings that include dancing. These activities are chaperoned or sponsored, but there is added expense in renting facilities and hiring security, student leaders maintained.

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CBF begins partnership to aid Haitians_32204

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CBF begins partnership to aid Haitians

By Bob Perkins Jr.

CBF Communications

ATLANTA-The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will begin a partnership in Haiti to address the needs of the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and one of the poorest in the world.

House vote critical of China's human rights record_32204

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House vote critical of China's human

rights record

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U.S. House of Representatives and a bipartisan criticize China's human rights commission have called on the Bush administration to promote a resolution at a United Nations conference insisting China halt its violations of human rights.

The House voted 402-2 for a resolution urging the U.S. representative at the upcoming U.N. Commission on Human Rights to lead an effort to adopt a measure calling on China to meet the international community's standards on human rights.

The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom endorsed the House's call for the resolution.

Court rules Catholic Charities must provide contraceptives as part of health benefits_32204

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Court rules Catholic Charities must

cover contraceptives as part of health benefits

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The California Supreme Court has ruled a Catholic social-service agency must provide contraceptives as part of its prescription-drug benefit for employees, raising alarms among some religious-liberty watchers.