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By Marv Knox

Editor

WACO—Ministers can continue to serve God only because of the divine call upon their lives, David Garland told participants at the second annual pastors' and laymen's conference at George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

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By Brent Thompson

Southwestern Seminary

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Concerned that the late-20th century model of youth ministry is flawed, a group of prominent youth leaders has issued a call for a new model that could lead to a “seismic shift” in church youth ministry philosophy, training and leadership.

BGCT begins effort to craft vision for the future_22304

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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—The Baptist General Convention of Texas has launched a process of “revisioning” that is expected to lead to reorganization of the convention’s work.

Texas Baptist leader Billy Ray Parmer dies in car crash_22304

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Billy Ray Parmer, president of Gloria al Padre and former two-time Baptist General Convention of Texas second vice president, died Feb. 28 in a car crash outside Abernathy.

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CYBERCOLUMN: A day out in the snow

By Brett Younger

On Saturday, Feb. 14, we had the best snow in Fort Worth in years, so our family decided to take a long walk. I assumed I would end up catching snowballs with my back and wore old clothes—a pair of jeans that Carol doesn't allow me to wear in public because they're holy in a bad way, tennis shoes, sweatshirt and an overcoat. The only thing I took with me was my keys, which I carefully put in my pocket.

The snow was gorgeous. The kids on our block were making anorexic snowmen. Years of living in Fort Worth have kept them from any understanding of how to make a proper snowman. We had a street full of snow pillars that would embarrass Frosty.

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Editor

WACO—A Baylor University student newspaper editorial supporting gay marriage deviates from “traditional Christian teachings” and “comes dangerously close to violating university policy,” Baylor President Robert Sloan said.

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Keep the government's nose out of our seminaries

By Brent Thompson

Amid all the publicity from Mel Gibson's movie "The Passion of the Christ," few Christians will likely notice that the Supreme Court quietly published an opinion that may have just as much impact on the lives of churches and ministers as the movie. On Feb. 26 in the case of *Locke vs. Davey*, the Supreme Court decided 7-2 that the neither the establishment nor free exercise clauses of the First Amendment require states to fund religious instruction.

High-profile advocates such as Jay Sekulow of the American Center for Law and Justice and Solicitor General Theodore Olsen argued that states should be required to fund religious instruction if they also fund secular instruction. The state of Washington argued that the principle of separation of church and state prohibits funding of religious studies.

**If groups of
churches or
denominations
want well-
trained
ministers, they
should set up
and fund their
own
seminaries,
colleges and
Bible schools
-Brent
Thompson**

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‘Passion’ reviews take issue with

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The reviews of “The Passion of the Christ” are in—and while both Christian and secular observers offered praise for it, many of the same reviewers also took significant issue with the movie.

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Church connection key in marketing ‘Passion’

By Ted Parks

Associated Baptist Press

LOS ANGELES (ABP)—Once upon a time, pastors warned churchgoers against the evils of the silver screen. Now they are packing believers and unchurched guests alike into movie houses across the land.

Leaders warn [The Passion] not for most children_22304

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Leaders warn 'The Passion' not for most children

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Christians may want everyone to hear the gospel, but parents should be wary of letting their younger children view Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," according to faith leaders.

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Internet buzzing as non-Christians debate 'Passion'

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

While many Christians have geared up for Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" to be the greatest evangelistic opportunity since Pentecost, non-Christian reaction to the film has been mixed.

CBF must avoid partisan politics, Vestal urges_22304

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CBF must avoid partisan politics,

Vestal urges

By John Pierce

Baptists Today

ATLANTA (ABP)—“We are not going to be involved in secular politics,” Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Coordinator Daniel Vestal told the CBF Coordinating Council at its winter meeting in Atlanta.