

# **Baptiststandard.com victim of virus attack**

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## **Baptiststandard.com victim of virus attack**

Hundreds of subscribers to the Standard's FirstLook newsletter received a flood of virus-generated e-mails Feb. 16-17. According to webmaster John Rutledge the immediate problem has been stopped, and stringent security measures are being put in place to stop any future outbreaks.

The Standard is moving it's website this week to a dedicated server, with more security controls and improved antivirus and spam blockers.

"We apologize for the inconvenience this caused our readers," Rutledge said. The e-mails initially contained a version of the "lovelorn virus" with attachments named "binladen\_sexy.jpg" or "kiss.ok.exe."

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## **Around the State\_22304**

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# Around the State

Recently approved for tenure at Hardin-Simmons University were **Martha Kiel**, associate professor of art and department head; **Jooly Philip**, associate professor of English and director of the writing center; and **Jill Walters**, assistant professor of psychology and coordinator of internships. Promoted to professor were **Randy Armstrong**, communications, and **Andrew Potter**, mathematics. Earning promotions to associate professor were **Curtis Garner**, counseling and human development, and **Traci Thompson**, English. **Scot Miller** was promoted to assistant professor. Retired faculty members approved for emeritus status were **Taylor Rankin** and **Manfred Schubert**.



Ruby Moody was honored by First Church in Rocksprings on her 90th birthday. She continues to play the church's organ each Sunday as she has done for more than 65 years. She is pictured with Pastor Ron Van Der Weert

♦ Recently approved for tenure at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor were **Ann Crawford**, associate professor of nursing, and **Audell Shelburne**, associate professor of English. Approved for summer

development leave were **Deborah Jones, Sandra Wanner, Bill Harding, Raylene Statz** and **Peggy Craik. Harris Leonard** also was added to the faculty as assistant professor of psychology.

♦ Hardin-Simmons University professor **Bob Fink**'s essay "Twenty Years of Teaching Creative Writing" has been published in the Winter 2004 issue of the electronic journal, The Cortland Review.

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## **Baylor Alumni Association names CEO\_22304**

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### **Baylor Alumni Association names CEO**

The Baylor University Alumni Association unanimously elected Jeff Kilgore as executive vice president of the association.

He succeeds Os Chrisman of Dallas, who has served as the association's executive vice president since December 2002.



Kilgore currently serves Baylor as university host, a position he has held for the last six years. Previously, he worked for three years as assistant

director for development, programs and marketing for the Baylor Alumni Association.

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## **Job changes noted for five BGCT staff\_22304**

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DALLAS—Two employees in the Baptist General Convention of Texas Communications Center have assumed new responsibilities.

Ferrell Foster has been named director of news and information services. He fills the post previously held by Ken Camp, now managing editor of the Baptist Standard.

Foster had been director of creative services in the Communications Center and has been a BGCT employee since 2000. Before coming to the BGCT, Foster was editor of the Illinois Baptist state paper.

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# **Texas churches picking Bible study material cafeteria-style\_22304**

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## **Texas churches picking Bible study material cafeteria-style**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

DALLAS—Ask Brad Williamson, minister of education at South Main Baptist Church in Pasadena, about the Bible study curriculum his church uses, and he needs to consult a spreadsheet to answer the question.

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## **Baptist Briefs\_22304**

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# Baptist Briefs

## **New Orleans Seminary pressured to make SBC its 'sole member.'**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is under increasing pressure from the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee to change its charter to make the SBC the "sole member" of its corporation. Seminary trustees voted last October to decline a request to take that action. Following two hours of discussion, the SBC Executive Committee voted last week to ask the trustees to reverse course and amend the seminary charter during their spring 2004 meeting. The motion asks that the action be forwarded to the Executive Committee "for subsequent recommendation" to the SBC during its June 2004 meeting. If seminary trustees again decline to comply, the Executive Committee could ask SBC messengers to approve a motion to make the same request. Naming the SBC as sole member allows the convention to control the election and dismissal of trustees, while granting trustees authority to direct the organization's work and financial affairs. The requested changes would grant the SBC specific powers designed to thwart any possible attempt trustees might make to withdraw from the SBC.

**Tax guide available.** The Southern Baptist Annuity Board's annual Ministers Tax Guide for 2003 Returns is now available in print and online at [www.absbc.org](http://www.absbc.org). Free printed copies are available by calling (800) 262-0511. The guide focuses on tax issues most likely to affect active and retired Baptist ministers. The guide supplements IRS materials and gives step-by-step instructions, including sample tax returns for ministers.

**CBF launches new website.** The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has launched a new website at a new Internet address, [www.thefellowship.info](http://www.thefellowship.info). Features on the home page include links to major areas such as Global Missions, church life and education; news and views; and search engines to

access information.

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# **Executive Committee endorses SBC pullout from Baptist World Alliance\_22304**

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**By Trennis Henderson & Greg Warner**

*Associated Baptist Press*

NASHVILLE (ABP)—Southern Baptist Convention leaders intent on severing ties with the Baptist World Alliance have taken a major step in that direction.

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# **Ten Commandments back on display, but they're not alone\_22304**

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## **Ten Commandments back on display, but they're not alone**

**By Robert Marus**

*ABP Washington Bureau*

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (ABP) -The Ten Commandments are back on display in Alabama's judicial headquarters, but their self-appointed cheerleader reportedly isn't happy about it.

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## **Judge dismisses most counts in Dennehy lawsuit\_22304**

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WACO (ABP)—A Waco judge has dismissed six of seven counts in a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the father of slain Baylor University basketball player Patrick Dennehy.

Ralph Strother of Waco's 19th State District Court threw out the counts of alleged wrongdoing listed in the suit against Baylor and some of its officials. The remaining count says the defendants “intentionally, knowingly and/or recklessly” caused Dennehy's death.

He gave attorneys for the plaintiff, Patrick Dennehy Sr. of Tacoma, Wash., two weeks to refile their complaint.

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## **Down Home: Cold or virus? Both are painful\_22304**

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### **DOWN HOME: Cold or virus? Both are painful**

Would you rather have a cold or a virus?

That's like asking another age-old medical question: Which is worse—vomiting or diarrhea? The answer, of course, is whatever's plaguing you at the moment.

Well, I just suffered from a cold and a virus back-to-back. I'll take the cold. Any day.

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# **Editorial: Our sins nailed Jesus to the cross\_22304**

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## **EDITORIAL: Our sins nailed Jesus to the cross**

Who killed Jesus?

More people than ever will ask that question in coming weeks, as millions fill theaters to watch Mel Gibson's new movie, "The Passion of the Christ." The film offers Christians an unprecedented opportunity to explain the gospel story.

The disquieting shadow of controversy has darkened the movie for weeks. Concerned Christians and Jews alike worried it would set off a new siege of anti-Semitism. History supports their fear. For most of the last 2,000 years, passion plays have sparked persecution of Jews. Moved by the cruelty of

Jesus' torture and crucifixion, Christians followed an all-too-human impulse. They placed blame. Taking blame to an extreme, vicious people acted out of un-Christlike madness and extracted revenge on Jews. Some of the saddest pages of history have been written with their blood.

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# **Editorial: Stand in the gap for BWA\_22304**

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## **EDITORIAL: Stand in the gap for BWA**

Pleas of countless Baptists have fallen on deaf ears.

The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee voted 62-10 to proceed with its plan to withdraw from the Baptist World Alliance, comprised of 211 Baptist conventions from around the globe.

Southern Baptist leaders accused the BWA of the dirtiest word in the Baptist dictionary, "liberalism." Like "communism" in the McCarthy era, "liberalism" packs political potency for Southern Baptists. Never mind that BWA General Secretary Denton Lotz and President Billy Kim directly denied the charge. Never mind that Exhibit A in the Southern Baptist leaders' case proved to be bogus. Never mind that many conventions affiliated with the BWA far surpass the Southern Baptists in biblical

conservatism. "Liberalism" is for losers, and the SBC likes to win.