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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

RICHARDSON—Christians reflect the Creator, and it's time for them to claim their place as the primary storytellers in today's culture, a postmodern pastor told the Texas Evangelism and Missions Conference.

Cybercolumn for 2/2 by Brett Younger: The preacher and the cannibals_12604

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CYBERCOLUMN:

The preacher and the cannibals

By Brett Younger

When I was in the eighth grade, an evangelist came to our church for a week-long revival and offered the same lengthy invitation each night: “If you are not a Christian, then you need to come to the front, make a profession of faith and become a Christian right now. If you are a Christian, but have strayed into sin, then you need to come and rededicate your life. If you are a Christian and feel God tugging at your heart, then God is calling you to come to give yourself to full-time Christian service.”

Brett Younger

The evangelist was not easily dissuaded, so each night people went to the front to make decisions. By Thursday, the ones in my youth group who had not made some kind of decision were beginning to look suspect. I was already a Christian. I had been baptized when I was eight and had not strayed into sin. Some of my friends had started to stray into sin, but none of them had invited me to join them yet.

Commentary for 2/2 by Denton

Lotz: We belong together, because we belong to Christ!_12604

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**"We belong together, because we
belong to Christ!"**

By Denton Lotz

Sunday, Feb. 1, is Baptist World Alliance Day of Prayer, when Baptists all over the world remember they are one in Jesus Christ.

Almost 100 years ago—July 17, 1905—in London, England, Southern Baptist and British Baptist leaders met and together with many others from around the world formed the Baptist World Alliance. Next year, we expect that thousands upon thousands of Baptists from around the world will gather in Birmingham, England (July 27-31, 2005) to celebrate the Baptist World Alliance centennial. All Baptists are invited to this BWA birthday celebration.

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COMMENTARY: Breaking the DaVinci Code

By Dwight A. Moody

Dan Brown wrote a book, and for weeks it has been at the top of the New York Times bestseller list.

I understand why: I could not put it down.

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Philanthropist Paul Piper, whose generosity provided funds for many Texas Baptist causes, died Jan. 17 in Apollo Beach, Fla. He was 86.

Piper borrowed \$17 from his parents when he dropped out of college in 1937 and from that small investment built a diversified company with 1,000 employees in 15 manufacturing plants.

He later sold his shares in Piper Industries and used the money to begin four charitable foundations—Christ Is Our Salvation and three branches of Christian Mission Concerns.

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RICHARDSON—In today's postmodern world "there's a real cry for spiritual

mothers and fathers," said John Berryhill, chief director of Emerging Church Network.

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

From hurricanes in Latin America to famines in Africa and Asia, Texas Baptist Men volunteers have been some of the first responders among faith-based disaster relief providers over the last three decades. But the Texas Baptists who recently returned from Iran were glad an Alabama group had paved the way for them.

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

QUEMADO—In the barren, sun-baked terrain between Eagle Pass and Del Rio, a mustard seed of faith grew into a ministry much larger than Steve and Lori Mercer ever imagined.

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Hispanic and Anglo congregations are trading places as Anglo churches become worship-driven and their Hispanic counterparts move toward a Bible study-driven model, according to some Texas Baptist leaders.

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EL PASO—Hurting people need healing for both body and spirit, according

to Marco Samaniego. And that philosophy has guided the Hands of Luke medical ministry since he founded it 10 years ago.

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GORDONVILLE—Some pastors touting the title "Dr." before their names need a refresher course in ethics, according to a paper awaiting publication in the journal Christian Higher Education.

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Despite a tough fiscal year, the Baptist General Convention of Texas Church Multiplication Center crossed the halfway point toward its goal of helping start 777 churches by the end of 2004.