

# **Collection of antique records reflects 'old time religion'\_11204**

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**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

DEL VALLE—Lee Laake loves the past. It's the future that troubles him, particularly the future of his treasured gospel music collection.

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## **Bush proposal brings attention to church's responsibility to the 'stranger'\_11204**

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# **Bush proposal brings attention to church's responsibility to the 'stranger'**

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

Churches' responsibility to care for "aliens and strangers" as the Bible commands transcends legal issues about immigration policy, according to David Guel of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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## **‘Big God’ leads small church to take on complex ministries\_11204**

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*Staff Writer*

FORT WORTH-At one time, Pastor Howard Caver did not want to be given a nursing home, but now he and his small church are preparing to spend \$4 million to build one.

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# **Fike takes Christian comedy seriously\_12604**

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**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

Al Fike takes Christian comedy seriously. That's why he decided to move it from church fellowship halls to established urban "improv" comedy clubs.

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## **Texas Baptists going to the**

# **Super Bowl to minister\_112604**

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## **Texas Baptists going to the Super Bowl to minister**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

Neither the Dallas Cowboys nor the Houston Texans will be in the Super Bowl this year, but Texas Baptists can punch their tickets to serve people going to the event.

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## **SBC set to withdraw from Baptist World Alliance\_122203**

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## **Committee urges SBC to cut ties,**

# funding to Baptist World Alliance

A Southern Baptist Convention study committee is recommending that the SBC withdraw from the Baptist World Alliance and stop funding the worldwide fellowship.

Charging the BWA with a “leftward drift,” the committee proposes that Southern Baptists lead in creating a new, more conservative, worldwide Baptist organization.

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“Continuing to allow presentations that call into question the truthfulness of Holy Scripture, refusing to support openly the idea that all who are saved must come to salvation through conscious faith in Jesus Christ, and promoting women as preachers and pastors are among the issues that make it impossible to endorse the BWA as a genuinely representative organization of world Baptists,” said the committee report, released six days before Christmas.

**SBC leaders charge  
BWA with a  
"leftward drift" in  
theology. BWA  
leader calls  
proposed SBC  
withdrawal "a sin  
against love."**

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**By Ken Camp**

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Texas Baptist leaders expressed grief over a proposed Southern Baptist Convention withdrawal from the Baptist World Alliance and support for the beleaguered international fellowship.

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## **German theologian disputes committee report's truthfulness\_11204**

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## **German theologian disputes committee report's truthfulness**

**By Greg Warner**

*Associated Baptist Press*

BOCHUM, Germany (ABP)- A German Baptist theologian, who was cited as an example of “aberrant and dangerous” theology within the Baptist World Alliance, says the Southern Baptist committee that leveled those charges is guilty of lying and should repent.

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## **Baptists offer disaster relief in Iran after earthquake rocks Bam area\_11204**

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### **Baptists offer disaster relief in Iran after earthquake rocks Bam area**

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Disaster relief volunteers from Texas Baptist churches were slated to leave the United States Jan. 9 bound for Iran.



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# **African Truett student sees God in suffering\_11204**

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## **African Truett student sees God in suffering**

**By Terri Jo Ryan**

*Special to the Standard*

WACO—Even in the midst of a bloody and brutal 10-year civil war in Sierra Leone, Martin Dixon, 40, saw the hand of God in everything that was happening.

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## **Around the State\_11204**

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# Around the State

Big Spring-Lamesa Area is seeking a Mission Service Corps volunteer couple or single person to fill a vacancy at the Big Spring Hospitality House beginning in March. Joe and Wanda Bernier, the MSC couple currently serving there are resigning as of March 1. Responsibilities of the position include caring for the facility and the grounds and registration of people visiting prison inmates into the house on weekends. While the position is not salaried, an apartment attached to the facility is included. The ability to speak Spanish would be helpful but is not required. For more information, contact **David Kimberly** at (432) 263-1673 or (432) 517-0483.

♦ **Belva Loftin**, administrative assistant to East Texas Baptist University President **Bob Riley**, was honored with a retirement reception Dec. 18 after 25 years of service. She began her career at ETBU in 1978 as the secretary for the alumni association and has been the administrative assistant to the president for the last 13 years. She will continue as pianist for First Church in Marshall.



Jim Leak (right), director of missions for Hill Country Association headquartered in Kerrville, was elected administrator/treasurer at the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Directors of Missions. He is pictured with Nodell Dennis of Blue River-Kansas City Association, chair of the search committee.

## **Anniversaries**

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# **Buckner seeking North Texas host families for orphaned 'angels' visiting from Russia\_11204**

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## **Buckner seeking North Texas host**

# families for orphaned 'angels' visiting from Russia

DALLAS-Buckner Orphan Care International is calling on local Christian families and singles to host older Russian orphans when the children visit North Texas in March.

The “Angels from Abroad” program will bring 10 to 15 children living in St. Petersburg-area orphanages to Texas to raise awareness about the needs of older children living in Russian orphanages.



Denis (left) and  
Dima are  
representative of  
the Russian  
“angels” who  
need host  
families for their  
Texas visit.

Angels from Abroad will allow host families the opportunity “to make a difference for a Russian child visiting the United States,” said Mary Ann Hamby, community relations coordinator for Buckner International Adoption.