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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Baptists are sending toothbrushes and toothpaste to a Baptist General Convention of Texas-endorsed chaplain who will use the supplies to teach hygiene to Afghan children.

Around the State_101804

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First Church in Orange recently presented a check to provide tuition, fees and books for two students at the Baptist University of the Americas. Abraham Garcia of Sonora, Mexico, and Adriana Oviedo of Hutto were the recipients. Presenting the check to Arnie Adkison, vice president of development, were deacons and missions committee members Weldon Townsend, Preston Nichols and Don Ball. "Baptist University of the Americas is the most important learning institution in Texas as far as reaching the Hispanic community," Townsend said. "If we don't train leaders and lay people now, we will miss the window of opportunity we have."

Around the State

- ♦ The Central Texas Book Club of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will discuss “The Idea of a Christian College” by **Arthur Holmes** at 7 p.m. in the Lucile Capt Amphitheater Oct. 26. Panelists will include **Bill Tanner**, associate professor of computer science; **Steve Oldham**, assistant professor for Christian studies; **David Guess**, assistant professor for music; and **Harry Sweet**, assistant professor for management and marketing.
 - ♦ **Joe Alcorta**, professor of Spanish and coordinator of minority relations at Hardin-Simmons University, has written “A Collection of Hispanic Proverbs and Sayings.” The 161-page paperback has 10 chapters on proverbs relating to love, business, good advice, spiritual matters, time, food, family and friends, money and other topics. He joined the faculty in 1971.
 - ♦ East Texas Baptist University Director of Development **Larry Wickham** has been awarded the professional designation of certified fund raising executive by CFRE International. Wickham, a bivocational pastor at Midway Church in Tyler, joined the university staff in 2002.
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Texas Baptist Forum

Convention overhaul

I am so excited about the reorganization of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

I commend and affirm the leadership and bold visionary efforts of our officers, Administrative Committee and executive director! They realize that if we as Texas Baptists want to impact our world for Christ, changes must be made now.

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The Executive Board's approval of the mission, vision, values and priority statements is a great first step for Texas Baptists. I look forward with anticipation for these statements to be put into a workable form.

Women's ministry in The Woodlands prayerwalks public school hallways_101804

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Women's ministry in The Woodlands prayerwalks public school hallways

By George Henson

Staff Writer

THE WOODLANDS—"Prayer changes things" may sound like bumper-sticker theology, but a group of Houston-area women took the truism to heart, and it's become the impetus behind their new ministry.

Baylor engineers seek appropriate technology for Third World_101804

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Baylor engineers seek appropriate technology for Third World

By Judy Long

Baylor University

WACO—Two-thirds of the world's people focus most of their energy on

surviving until the end of the day. But some Baylor University engineering students and faculty want to help change that by developing and encouraging the use of appropriate technology in developing countries.

Straining muscles baptizing no hardship for Daisetta pastor_101804

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Pastor Kenny Rawls has baptized more than 10 percent of Daisetta's population in less than a year—118 people in a town of 1,100.

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

DAISETTA-Kenny Rawls' ailment is the kind some Baptist preachers would boast about having. He strained muscles baptizing so many people.

Dallas Baptists work with Habitat to breathe new life into neighborhood_101804

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Davis, Cecil
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and Marla
Bearden of
the BGCT
staff and
Ray
Breeding of
Cornerstone
Baptist
Church
replace a
screen door
during a
Habitat for
Humanity
renovation
workday.

Dallas Baptists work with Habitat to breathe new life into neighborhood

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—After getting their feet wet with an earlier Habitat for Humanity effort in South Dallas, Texas Baptists are getting their hands dirty as they pull out hammers and nails and go to work on a second project to help revitalize part of a community.

House vote on marriage amendment falls short of two-thirds_101804

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House vote on marriage amendment falls short of two-thirds

By Robert Marus

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WASHINGTON (ABP)-The U.S. House of Representatives has followed the Senate's lead, defeating a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban marriage-and, arguably, marriage-like benefits-for same-sex couples.

Filipino church teaches

members to adopt missional lifestyle_101804

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Members of
First
Phillipine
Baptist
Church in
Houston
participate
in a recent
Vacation
Bible School.

The
congregation
partnered
with the
youth group
from
Tallowood
Baptist
Church for
the effort.
Partnership
is one of the
hallmarks of
missional
churches,
said Milfred
Minatrea,
who recently
wrote a book
on the
subject.

Filipino church teaches members to adopt missional lifestyle

By John Hall

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HOUSTON-Actively involved Christians may spend seven hours a week inside church walls. That leaves 161 hours a week they aren't in church.

Convention presidents address African-American preachers_101804

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Convention presidents address African-American preachers

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

WACO-Attitude problems, personal pain and arrogance in the pulpit present obstacles to effective preaching, presidents of three predominantly

African-American conventions told a conference at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary.

BaptistWay Bible Series for Oct. 24: 'Good grief' produces repentance, not regret_101804

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'Good grief' produces repentance, not regret

2 Corinthians 7:5-16

By Todd Still

Truett Seminary, Waco

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BaptistWay Bible Series for Oct. 31

Exercise financial generosity for sake of others

2 Corinthians 8:1-21

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