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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

MOBILE, Ala.—After days of waiting on Hurricane Frances to move through Florida, Texas Baptist disaster relief volunteers and their Southern Baptist counterparts from other states raced to meet needs in the storm-ravaged state.

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CYBERCOLUMN: Like no one's watching

By Brett Younger

Alfonso Soriano and I were on television together—sort of. On Staff Appreciation Day—which ought to rank just behind Easter and Christmas among church holidays—my family hit the jackpot. We received tickets to a Texas Rangers' game.

When I buy tickets we, sit close to teenage fans with painted faces, pigeons and God. Since “bleachers” and “upper bleachers” are about the same, I don't pay much attention to where our seats are located. But on this occasion, I noticed “VIP infield, Row 1.” I thought our friend was kidding when she handed me the tickets and said: “Dress well, because you're right behind the plate. You'll be on TV the whole time.”

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By Craig Bird

Special to the Baptist Standard

CANYON LAKE—Giving away bottles of water and soft drinks to sunburned tubers may be the most unusual outreach project at First Baptist Church in Canyon Lake, but it is certainly is not the only one.

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RIDGEFIELD, Conn. (ABP)—George Brunstad of Wilton, Conn., gives new meaning to the term “putting feet to your faith.” In fact, he also put his arms and his legs into it. In an effort to raise awareness for his church’s ministry in Haiti, the 70-year-old Baptist layman swam the English Channel.

His swim set a new record, not for speed—he finished in 15 hours, 59 minutes—but because he is the oldest person ever to tackle the channel. He broke the record of Bertram Cliffort Batt of Australia, who was 67 years old when he made the journey in 1987.

“His inspiration for the swim came when he went with our church last November on a mission trip to Haiti,” said Bob Guffey, Brunstad’s pastor at

Wilton Baptist Church. “George swam to raise awareness of and money for the Center of Hope orphanage and school project that (the church) sponsors in Hinche, Haiti.”

San Angelo church sends team to help dig wells in Bolivia_92004

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By George Henson

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SAN ANGELO—Southland Baptist Church is digging deep to continue the growth of its commitment to missions.

Historic hurricane slashes through Florida, damaging churches, delaying relief_92004

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By Greg Warner

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (ABP) — Hurricane Frances, historic in size if not strength, crossed all three coasts of Florida over Labor Day weekend, damaging buildings — including several churches — and leaving an estimated 5 million people without power.

This second major hurricane to pound the state in 23 days moved slower than Hurricane Charley, the more powerful category 3 storm that slashed the state from southwest to northeast on Friday, Aug. 13. But the size and longevity of Frances — more than 250 miles across and 30-plus hours in duration — stretched the state's resources and nerves to the limit. The category 2 hurricane, forced the evacuation of a record 2.8 million people and at times covered the entire Florida peninsula,

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By Ken Camp

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DALLAS-A veteran missions leader, a former theological educator, a longtime Dallas business leader and a retired Baptist newspaper editor received top honors at the recent Texas Baptist Heritage awards banquet.

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Falwell

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Nation needs visionary Christians in pulpits, courthouses, Falwell insists

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

FORT WORTH-Visionary Christian leaders in America's pulpits, courthouses and statehouses can transform the nation and change the world, televangelist Jerry Falwell told students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Interfaith dialogue at Wayland Baptist University- Lubbock_90604

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By **Teresa Young**

Wayland Baptist University

LUBBOCK—Few people would be surprised to see a Christian worldview permeate the academic experience at a school like Wayland Baptist University. But many may be surprised to know that Islam, Buddhism and other religions have a presence, too.

Around the State_90604

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Around the State

Two Texans were among 17 chaplains and pastoral counselors endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship last month. **Wayne Boyd** and **Robert Williams** both serve as U.S. Army chaplains; Boyd in Fort Worth and Williams at Fort Hood.

✕ **Shane Williford** has been named men's and women's tennis coach at Hardin-Simmons University, replacing **Jimmy Cole** who resigned this summer. Williford had been head tennis coach at Howard Payne University.



Tony Neal,
pastor of
Mildred
Church in
Corsicana,
(right)
prepares
to baptize
Debbie
Adams and
her
husband,
Jeff. The
church
baptized
several
people
that day
following
an evening
of gospel
music,
preaching
and a
dessert
social. The
church
met on
Deacon
Richard
Rash's
property.

✘ **Martin Bressler**, professor of entrepreneurship and marketing at Houston Baptist University, was named a “Houston Hero” in entrepreneurship by the Services Cooperative Association. The award is given to recognize continued “dedicated commitment in empowering Houston's emerging entrepreneurs.” Bressler joined the faculty in 2001.

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