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By Sarah Farris

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KELLER—Parents should begin praying for their children's salvation before the youngsters even understand right and wrong, a Texas Baptist women's evangelism consultant told a Hispanic women's convocation.

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By George Henson

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DALLAS—Delores Kube remembers arriving in Dallas at an underground train station: “My first thought when I reached street-level was, 'This sure is a clean city,' and coming from a background of the East Coast and Washington, D.C., it really struck me that way. My second thought was, 'God, here I am; use me.'”

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

TEMPLE-Eighteen months ago, Memorial Baptist Church of Temple was rocked to its foundation by a Valentine's Day bus accident that took the lives of several of the congregation's most devoted members.

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HOUSTON-A church building where pews were packed with people in decades past is now full of new life because of a “kingdom mindset.”

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

LUBBOCK-Girls know slumber is the last thing that happens at slumber parties. Shirley Madden hopes prayer is the first thing that happens at the one she has planned.

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By Kevin Eckstrom

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—An unusually broad coalition of Jewish, Muslim, Catholic and evangelical groups has come together to urge intervention by the United States and the United Nations in war-torn Sudan.

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Special to the Baptist Standard

WACO-Youth ministry used to be as gangly as the teenagers it served-a mere steppingstone for fresh-faced seminarians on the way to a "real job" as a senior pastor.

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By Jonah D. King

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-The more they attend church, the less likely evangelical husbands and fathers will physically abuse their spouses and children, says author and University of Virginia sociologist W. Bradford Wilcox.

Around the State_82304

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VBS Trip

Forty-eight members of First Church in Gresham traveled to Zapata and San Ygnacio to lead a Vacation Bible School.

More than 230 children and adults enrolled in the VBS conducted by the Gresham church, as well as Zapata churches First Church, Iglesia Nueva Vida and Iglesia Nueva Esperanza. While there, men and youth from the church helped build a parsonage for Iglesia Nueva Esperanza.

Through the generosity of a Gresham merchant, the church also gave away 33 bicycles. The churches also gave clothing away. This is the sixth year of a partnership between the churches. Mack Caffey is pastor of First Church in Zapata,

Raul Hernandez is pastor of Iglesia Nueva Vida, Pastor Reyes is pastor of Iglesia Nueva Esperanza and Roy Thoene is pastor of First Church in Gresham.

Around the State

♦ Of the five new inductees into the Southern Baptist Church Business Administration Association Hall of Fame, four served Texas churches. **J.W. Fortner** was church business administrator at Trinity Church in San Antonio 33 years. He also was named church business administrator of the year in 1992. **Lewis Fitts** served several churches, including First Church in Wichita Falls, the church from which he retired. He was named top church administrator in 1995. **Bill English** was church administrator at First Church in Wichita Falls eight years and was one of the honoring

organization's first participants. **Walter Matthews**, honored posthumously, served First Church in Austin many years.

♦ FOCUS and Refuge, Houston Baptist University's ministry outreach music groups, have joined together to release a self-titled CD. Students **Anival Aleman, Kim Daniels, Robin Gillmore, Blake Jackson, Breanna Richardson, Jody Smith, Jenny Chunn, Shauna Couri, Carrie Lelsz, Brett Mosher** and **J.J. Worthen** worked on the recording six months. For more information on the groups or the CD, call (281) 649-3224.

♦ Hardin-Simmons University has announced two staff changes. **Aaron Ashford** is the director of the new Center for Multicultural Affairs, which is designed to increase awareness of diversity on campus. **Bethany Howell** has joined the university as a communications assistant. She had been working as hometown news coordinator in the media relations office.

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2 Corinthians 1:1-11

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Special to the Baptist Standard

SUGAR LAND—After being offered a contract with the Texas Rangers, Kyle Byrd struggled with the choice between a career in professional baseball or the pursuit of God's call on his life to ministry.

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By Toby Druin

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HOUSTON—Gene Pemberton joined the Houston Astros staff in 1994 to help his old friend, Astros owner Drayton McLane Jr., in community development.