

Houston youth experience international missions-80904

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A
Tallowood
Baptist
youth
(left) helps
a child
memorize
a Bible
verse
during
Vacation
Bible
School at
a Houston
apartment.
(John Hall
Photo)

Houston youth experience international missions at home

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

HOUSTON-Students from Tallowood Baptist Church found an international mission experience this summer-inside their hometown's beltway.

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Volunteers from
the Memorial
Hermann
Southwest

Hospital Auxiliary
recently donated
\$25,000 to the
Houston Baptist
University
nursing program.

The donation is
the third of its
kind from the
auxiliary to the
nursing program
in as many years
to help reach its
goal of \$100,000
for an endowed
scholarship.

Participating in
the ceremony
were Steven
Williams,
Memorial
Hermann
Southwest

Hospital; Clarice
McPhail, auxiliary
member; Rotha
Roberts, auxiliary
member; Nancy
Yuill, dean of the
HBU College of
Nursing; and
auxiliary
members Petie
White, Ruth Prim
and June Dixon.

Around the State

✘ Hardin-Simmons University has awarded the first doctoral degree in its history. Receiving the degree was **Lance Cotton**, who earned the doctor of physical therapy degree. He currently is working in Seattle, Wash., in an acute-care facility.

✘ Two Texans were among 35 chaplains recently endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. **Craig Butler** is a clinical pastoral education resident at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, and **Cindy Wallace** is a chaplain at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco.

✘ Hardin-Simmons University has announced the addition of 14 faculty members. New faculty include **Terry Sergeant**, professor of computer science; **Amy Miles**, visiting instructor of English; **Steve Neves**, assistant professor of art; **William Mouat**, assistant professor of voice and director of the opera program; **Amy Roberts**, associate professor of nursing and director of the master of science in nursing program; **Melissa Milliorn**, assistant professor of social work; **Eileen Kendrick**, instructor of education; **Kayla Christianson**, visiting instructor of communication; **Nancy Hildebrand**, instructor of nursing; **Timothy Maddox**, associate professor of philosophy; **Kristi McAuliffe**, assistant professor of German; **Eric Coleman**, assistant professor of criminal justice; **Joseph Bailey**, instructor of communication; and **Shaylee Burling**, visiting instructor of business and accounting.

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By Scott Collins

Buckner News Service

PROGRESO—Elementary school children in Progreso are going back to school this year with a heavy burden, thanks to the Fellowship at Westcreek in San Antonio.

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

WACO—In spite of boasts by his opponents that they had the votes to unseat him, Baylor University regents took no vote on embattled President Robert Sloan, other than affirming the long-range plan that has become the centerpiece of his presidency.

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Baptist Briefs

GuideStone offers online help. Investors with GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention—formerly the SBC Annuity Board—can use the Internet to view online presentations or participate in interactive seminars for retirement planning. Presentations cover key topics for ministers and church employees such as enrollment in the church retirement plan, advantages of consolidating investments and how to know if you are invested appropriately for retirement. For more information on this new service, visit the website at www.guidestone.org or call toll-free at (800) 262-0511.

Retired seminary professor Blevins dies. James Blevins, former professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, died July 24 in Louisville, Ky., after a long-term illness. He was 67. Blevins was on Southern Seminary's faculty from 1976 until 1999, when a severe case of diabetes forced him to take early medical retirement. Blevins was widely published on the Book of Revelation, including his 1984 book "Revelation as Drama," and was known for his dramatic presentation of Bible characters.

Veteran missionary Bryant dead at 74. Thurmon Bryant, longtime missionary to Brazil and former senior administrator of the International Mission Board, died July 27 in Fort Worth at age 74. A native of Claud, Okla., Bryant and his wife, the former Doris Morris of Sudan, were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958. Bryant served 17 years as a field missionary in Brazil and almost 20 years on the mission board staff. He was a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to missionary appointment, he was pastor of three Texas congregations—Prairie Point Baptist Church in Groesbeck, Friendship Baptist Church in Cleburne and First Baptist Church in

Grandview.

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Kentucky Western Recorder

SEOUL, South Korea (ABP)—Pledging to focus on the future, leaders of the Baptist World Alliance convened their first global meeting since the Southern Baptist Convention voted in June to withdraw from the international Baptist body.

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SEOUL, South Korea (ABP)-Baptist World Alliance will launch a global evangelization strategy during next year's centennial BWA World Congress in England.

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SEOUL, South Korea (ABP)-The Southern Baptist Convention's withdrawal from the Baptist World Alliance has caused "a compromise of the worldwide testimony of all Baptists," a BWA General Council resolution declared.

**ANOTHER VIEW: Morality
demands war against**

AIDS_80904

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ANOTHER VIEW: Morality demands war against AIDS

By Dale Hanson Bourke

When thousands of AIDS experts gathered in Thailand this summer for the International AIDS Conference, they considered economic impacts and political pressures, as well as social issues and cultural barriers.

And no matter what their expertise, they shared the same concern: Although the world is in the throes of the worst health disaster ever known, the average person knows little about it and cares even less.

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By Lee Weeks

Baptist Press

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)—A year of planning and praying by Indiana Southern Baptists combined with volunteer support from across the country resulted in 1,932 professions of faith in Christ during Crossover Indiana, an evangelistic blitz accompanying the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Indianapolis.

Cybercolumn by Berry D. Simpson: Changes_80904

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CYBERCOLUMN: Changes

By Berry D. Simpson

I once heard a motivational speaker say he gave his sales consultants hand-held spotlights for their cars, powered from the cigarette lighter, so they

could find unknown houses on new streets by shining the lights on the curb to read the numbers. He said that in sales, if you weren't lost in a new neighborhood looking for an unfamiliar house at least once a week, you weren't serious about your business because you weren't pushing out beyond the familiar.

What he said was true for more than just sales. If I'm not occasionally lost and unsure, I'm probably not growing as a person.

DOWN HOME: TP can't wipe pain of 'lasts'_80904

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DOWN HOME: TP can't wipe pain of 'lasts'

Within the week, we'll pull out the camera, pose our "baby," Molly, beside a dining room chair and repeat a ritual we began 15 years ago.

Since her big sister, Lindsay, started kindergarten, their mother and I have taken pictures of the girls standing beside a chair every year on the first day of school.

When they were little, the chair provided a useful object of scale. By comparing their height to the back of the chair, we could tell how much

they grew from year to year. Long after their steady height rendered the comparison moot, we maintained the tradition, just to keep a chronicle of the passage of time.

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