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Union
Femenil
Misionera
elected
officers
during the
Woman's
Missionary
Union of
Texas
Leadership
Conference
in Waco. The
officers are:
(l-r)
President
Irma
Alvarado of
First Baptist
Church in
Donna,
Secretary
Frances
Barrera from
Jericho
Baptist
Church in
Plainview
and Vice
President
Esther
Molina of
Primera
Iglesia
Bautista in
Round Rock.

Missionaries bring light to 'heart of darkness'

By Sarah Farris

Texas Baptist Communications

WACO-Texas Baptists do not have to go far to find “world-class lostness,” Missionaries William and Orpha Ortega told the Texas Leadership Conference.

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Joy Fenner
(center)
announces
Suzy Wall
(left) of
Hereford as
the first
recipient of
a missions
scholarship
named in
Fenner's
honor. Wall
will minister
during the
Olympics in
Athens this
August.
Fenner
credited
Jeane Talley
(right) with
getting the
fund started
through her
"stewardship
of time,
money and
personality."

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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

WACO—The parade of speakers at the Texas Leadership Conference spanned several generations. They included missionaries, the children of missionaries and just regular Texas Baptists. But all spoke of following Christ in missions.

Use 'basics' to involve families in missions_80904

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WACO—The key to getting families involved in missions is to “just make a start” and stick to the basics, a veteran missions volunteer told a Woman's Missionary Union training conference.

“You can use the basic things you already know and make them something

special,” Suzy Wall of Hereford said during a workshop titled “Hats Off to Families on Mission” during the Texas Leadership Conference in Waco.

Wall, who will serve as a mission volunteer at the Olympics in Athens, Greece, gave participants several ideas for getting families involved.

Suzy Wall of Hereford offers helpful hints for involving families in missions.

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God chooses people for special tasks, but only uses the available, Bible teacher says

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

WACO—God chooses certain people as his instruments for particular times and purposes but can use them only when they make themselves available, a Bible study leader told the Texas Leadership Conference.

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CYBERCOLUMN: God always will be with us

By Jeanie Miley

I could be wrong about it, but I just don't believe in a godless society.

It is entirely possible that I am dead wrong, but I don't think any human being can take God out of a classroom or a culture.

Super Summer speaker Kyle Byrd shuns 'middle of the road'_80904

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Super Summer speaker Kyle Byrd shuns 'middle of the road'

By Leann Callaway

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 the Lord's call on his life to ministry.

Buckner seeks adoptive parents for Myson, African-American newborn_72604

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Buckner seeks adoptive parents for Myson, African-American newborn

DALLAS—Myson, a newborn African-American boy, urgently needs parents to adopt him, according to Buckner Adoption and Maternity Services.

“We are confident God has the perfect family for him,” said Courtney Warren, community relations representative for Buckner.

“We are asking Baptist Standard readers to please pray for Myson and others who need forever families, and please forward this information to anyone you know who might be interested in this situation.”

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PINEVILLE, La. (ABP)-Trustees of Louisiana College, faced with the resignation of their chairman and the school's president, have elected a new trustee leader in a closed-door, off-campus meeting.

Bill Hudson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Rayne, La., announced his election as trustee chair after the meeting, which was closed to reporters and visitors, according to the Town Talk newspaper in Alexandria, La. No vote count was announced.

Hudson succeeds another pastor, Joe Nesom of First Baptist Church in Jackson, La., who resigned June 27, claiming trustees were making decisions intended to "humiliate and punish those that they despise."

Federal Marriage Amendment died in Senate_72604

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Senate supporters of a constitutional ban on gay marriage failed to muster a simple majority in support of the amendment July 14, most likely killing the proposal until next year.

Proponents of marriage amendment pledge to continue their campaign_72604

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By Kirsten Pasha

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Despite a first-round defeat for the Federal Marriage Amendment July 14, proponents vowed to continue fighting and say they expect to win.

God's gift so great, Christians can't keep quiet, pastor says_72604

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

SAN ANTONIO—God has given Christians something worth talking about, and it's too good for them to keep it to themselves, insisted Charles Booth, the featured preacher at the African American Fellowship/Church Health and Growth Conference.