

# **Churches that hit dead end need to turn around, consultant recommends\_72604**

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SAN ANTONIO-When a person hits a dead end, he needs to turn around. And congregations that have plateaued or are declining need to do the same thing, according to a Dallas Baptist Association consultant.

Roosevelt Broach, the association's director of church planting and development, noted 85 percent of Southern Baptist churches have either level or declining membership, indicating a lack of healthy congregations.

"We've got to turn it around," he said. "We've got to stop this."

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## **African American Fellowship**

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**By Janelle Bagci**

*BGCT Summer Intern*

SAN ANTONIO-The African American Fellowship of Texas Baptists intends to raise awareness of student mission opportunities in the next year and increase the number of African-American student summer missionaries by more than 12 times.

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## **Chicago pastor urges church leaders to leave markers for next generation to follow\_72604**

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SAN ANTONIO—Christian leaders need to leave “markers” so future generations will know “where the leadership stood” when God worked through them, Chicago Pastor Lacey Curry said during the African American Fellowship/Church Health and Growth Conference.

Citing the Old Testament story of Joshua telling the Israelites to leave stones marking where God parted the Jordan River, he said such markers tell others “this is where the Lord himself intervened and made possible some things that would not otherwise have been possible.”

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| Pastor Lacey<br>Curry of Chicago<br>encourages<br>African-American<br>church leaders<br>to leave markers<br>for future<br>generations. |
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Markers help leaders begin correctly, added Curry, pastor emeritus of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Chicago.

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# Five churches honored for CP giving\_72604

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## Five churches honored for CP giving

SAN ANTONIO—The Baptist General Convention of Texas has honored five African-American congregations for their contributions through the BGCT Cooperative Program in 2003.

The honors are based on resident church membership. The five categories and honorees are:

**1-50 members:** Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Lubbock; Pastor Robert McKenzie; \$5,010.

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## Voices of Praise deliver musical gospel message to Spain\_72604

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Some members of  
“Voices of Praise”  
perform at a  
BGCT Church  
Multiplication  
dinner during the  
African American  
Fellowship/Church  
Health and  
Growth  
Conference. The  
group recently  
returned from a  
trip to Spain  
where more than  
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## **Voices of Praise deliver musical gospel message to Spain**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

SAN ANTONIO—More than 100 people made decisions for Christ when pastors put their musical talent to use during a recent mission trip to Spain.

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# **Understanding differences in personality types can help church staff head off potential conflicts, c**

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## **Understanding differences in personality types can help church staff head off potential conflicts, consultant says**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

SAN ANTONIO—Most church staff difficulties have more to do with personalities than with issues, a Baptist General Convention of Texas consultant said.

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# **Fitness means exercising good stewardship of 'temple,' speaker stresses\_72604**

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## **Fitness means exercising good stewardship of 'temple,' speaker stresses**

**By Ferrell Foster**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

SAN ANTONIO-Being healthy is not just about losing weight and looking good; it's about "physical stewardship" of the body throughout life, fitness trainer Marsha Taplett insisted.

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## **Learning styles of Bible study pupils require varied teaching**

# **approaches\_72604**

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## **Learning styles of Bible study pupils require varied teaching approaches**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

SAN ANTONIO-The Bible is powerful, but Sunday school teachers need to vary their methods if they are going to make it stick with their students, according to a Baptist General Convention of Texas youth consultant.

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## **Homecoming for children's home stirs memories, sparks gratitude\_72604**

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# Homecoming for children's home stirs memories, sparks gratitude

**By Craig Bird**

*Baptist Child & Family Services*

SAN ANTONIO—A trip to the past nourished the souls of former residents of Baptist Child & Family Services who converged on the San Antonio campus for their first alumni reunion in decades.

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**Former children's home residents fondly recall tasty Mexican meals as one housemother's labor of lov**

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**Former children's home residents fondly recall**

# **tasty Mexican meals as one housemother's labor of love**

**By Craig Bird**

*Baptist Child & Family Services*

SAN ANTONIO-Whether it was a grateful gasp of recognition (“he still wears the same hat”) that greeted Leslie Pullin or the public appreciation of Beatrice Gasca Atu (“no other housemother cooked us Mexican food”) for her culinary generosity, former staff members were a welcome part of the alumni reunion at Baptist Child & Family Services.

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## **American confidence in First Amendment up\_72604**

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ABP)-Americans' confidence in the First Amendment, which fell after the attacks of 9/11, is up again, according to a new survey.

The First Amendment Center in Nashville, Tenn., has released its 2004

survey results on the “State of the First Amendment,” which suggests Americans' concern for protecting freedoms is at levels not seen since before Sept. 11, 2001.

The survey, conducted in conjunction with the American Journalism Review, showed that when asked whether the First Amendment goes too far in the protections it guarantees, 65 percent said it did not, up from 49 percent in the 2002 poll.

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KILGORE-A man and woman living in a shack in the poorest area of town know what it's like to go to sleep hungry. But the mentally disabled epileptic couple still set aside \$60 from their meager earnings for world

hunger.