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By Steve DeVane

North Carolina Biblical Recorder

Roy Fish

INDIANAPOLIS—Southern Baptists can advance God's kingdom through the renewal of desperate passion, the release of divine power and the recovery of decisive purpose, seminary professor Roy Fish told the Southern Baptist Convention.

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By Ken Camp

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The Southern Baptist Convention's decision to cut ties with the BWA "does not represent the vision of the Baptist General Convention of Texas," said BGCT Executive Director Charles Wade.

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By John Hall

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SAN ANTONIO—"Just trust" is a simple message, but it's one that Emily Burkhead lives by daily.

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Brazilian missions immersion trip planned. Rob Sellers, missions professor at Hardin-Simmons University's Logsdon School of Theology, and his wife, Janie, will lead six Logsdon students on a discovery tour of

Brazilian history, culture and religion July 5 to Aug. 5. They will visit Brazilia, Manaus, Recife, Salvador, Rio de Janerio and Sao Paulo. Explorations will include rainforest ecological institutes, Candomblé (spiritist religion) worship centers and a tour of the world's second-largest Catholic cathedral and complex. Lectures by professors, priests and pastors-plus hands-on involvement in orphanages, prisons and low-income favelas-will enable students to learn about topics as varied as liberation theology, Pentecostalism, evangelical social ministries and Roman Catholicism. Brazilian Baptists will join other Christian groups to help serve as hosts to the Hardin-Simmons team.

Palacios camp urgently needs volunteers. Texas Baptist Encampment at Palacios urgently needs volunteer teams to finish a dorm before more than 600 youth arrive July 5 for the summer's largest camp. Workers primarily will paint, move furniture and finish the electrical, plumbing and air conditioning for the first of three dorms being constructed after Hurricane Claudette destroyed a large dorm, a staff building and a tabernacle last year. Construction was delayed several months due to heavy rains. Hotel rooms and recreational vehicle connections are available for volunteers. Encampment staff will provide free meals. Volunteers can work through July 5 or a portion of that time. For more information, contact the encampment office at (361) 972-2717.

ETBU economic impact assessed. Officials at East Texas Baptist University have estimated the university contributes more than \$173 million to the local economy each year during the 11 months classes are in session. "The Marshall Chamber of Commerce has told us that a dollar turns over seven times before leaving the community," said ETBU President Bob Riley. The dollar amount was calculated by a formula based on figures of ETBU's \$20.9 million annual budget; about 1,200 full-time students on campus each month; an estimated \$300 per month average local

expenditure per student; about 10,000 campus visitors in the last year and an estimated \$84 that each visitor spent in the community. Charles Williams, dean of the Fred Hale School of Business, noted 78 percent of ETBU students come from outside of Harrison County, bringing millions of dollars into the area that otherwise would go elsewhere.

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Two years sooner than predicted, Anglos no longer will comprise the majority of Texans, according to State Demographer Steve Murdoch. By next April, the Anglo population will drop below 50 percent. African-Americans will continue to make up 11 percent to 12 percent; Asian and others, about 3 percent; and Hispanics, 36 percent. Within 25 years, Hispanics will make up more than 50 percent of our state's population.

For more than 20 years, Texas Baptists have emphasized starting churches. The majority of these churches have been Spanish-speaking, as the reality of the growing Hispanic presence has been appreciated by our leadership.

The Hispanic Baptist Convencion met June 24-26 on South Padre Island.

Since the early 1960s, Convencion and the BGCT have sought to be full partners. Convencion also is working to help Anglo churches outside of Texas start Hispanic congregations. They work with Mexican churches in our Texas/Mexico partnership. And in the first six months of this year, they have given 15 percent more money through the BGCT than last year.

CHARLES WADE Executive Director BGCT Executive Board
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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Fifty years to the day after the words “under God” were added to the Pledge of Allegiance, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a challenge to remove them—but only on technical grounds.

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By Craig Bird

Special to the Baptist Standard

SAN ANTONIO—Unity can be tough to come by in a Baptist church. And when it does arrive, it can be downright scary.

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CYBERCOLUMN: The swarm of bees

By John Duncan

I'm sitting here under the old oak tree, thinking of bees. Bees bumble and buzz in these hazy, lazy days of summer. Yellowjackets have built a nest on my front porch. Studying their flight, work and movements causes me to think of bees.

When I was a boy visiting my grandmother in the mountains of North Carolina, we attended an after-church picnic. The picnics were the kind to love because you could eat all the fried chicken and homemade food you desire.

John Duncan

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As this year's Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting neared its conclusion, a veteran reporter from another state looked up from her work and announced, "I've never been to an SBC like this before."

She was right. The Indianapolis meeting marked my 25th national convention, and I've never seen another one like it.

Oh, some things remained the same, of course.

CYBERCOLUMN by Brett

Younger: Stopping and starting

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Quitting has a bad reputation.

Vince Lombardi growled, "Quitters never win, and winners never quit."