

# On the Move\_61404

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## On the Move

**Ron Allen** has resigned as pastor of Avenue D Church in Brownwood.

- ◆ **Gerald Austin** to Friendship Church in Ennis as pastor.

- ◆ **Dean Banks** has resigned as pastor at Belle Plain Church in Brownwood.

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## Gallup Poll reveals growing number of Americans believe in heaven, hell\_61404

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## Gallup Poll reveals growing number

# **of Americans believe in heaven, hell**

**By Kevin Eckstrom**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)—While the portion of Americans who believe in God has remained relatively steady at upward of 90 percent, increasing numbers of Americans believe in heaven, hell, angels and the devil, a new Gallup poll shows.

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## **Even Christian school backers uneasy about SBC resolution\_61404**

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## **Even Christian school backers uneasy about SBC resolution**

**By James A. Smith Sr.**

*Florida Baptist Witness*

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP)—A proposed resolution calling for a Southern Baptist

exodus from public schools found little support at a recent meeting of Baptist backers of Christian schools.

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# **‘Conservative resurgence’ failed to spark surge in evangelism, growth, statistics show\_61404**

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## **'Conservative resurgence' failed to spark surge in evangelism, growth, statistics show**

**By Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Southern Baptist Convention leaders say the convention has experienced a “conservative resurgence” in the past 25 years. But statistics show it hasn't experienced much of a surge.

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# Ministry assistants find support, training at statewide event\_61404

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<p>Lora Thomas (left) of Denton Baptist Association and Cindy Webb of Cisco Baptist Association enjoy a time of fellowship at the Texas Baptist Ministry Assistants statewide conference.</p>	<p>“Sister Act”-sometimes known as Valerie Dacus (left) and Donna McClendon of First Baptist Church in Denton, provide entertainment at the conference.</p>
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## Ministry assistants find support, training at statewide event

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

“Other duties as assigned” is the part of the job description many church secretaries know best. They perform a myriad of duties, some of which they

may not have been trained to do.

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# Students follow God's calling to mission fields\_61404

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Student missionaries work their way through a labyrinth, praying as they wound their way to the center of the maze. The prayer experience was part of a commissioning service for BGCT-sponsored student missionaries. (Photo by John Hall)

# **Students follow God's calling to mission fields**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

RICHARDSON-Record numbers of Baptist General Convention of Texas student missionaries are following God's will onto the mission field, where lives are sure to change, a speaker told mission volunteers during their commissioning service.

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## **Student missionaries return from Kenya\_61404**

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

While most student summer missionaries are traveling to their ministry locations, several groups already have returned and are praising God for

the fruit he produced during their trips.

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*Texas Baptist Communications*

RICHARDSON—For some Texas Baptist student missionaries, the call to missions was a voice. For others, it was an impression. For still others yet, it was a realization.

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# Senior Saints Summit\_61404

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## Senior Saints Summit

More than 240 senior adults gathered on the campus of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton for a recent Senior Saints Summit. Lester Collins, pastor emeritus of Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston, was the guest preacher. Carol Holcomb, assistant professor in the UMHB School of Christian Studies, led the daily Bible studies.

(Top Photo) UMHB student Kyle Shipp drives a group of seniors to their next event on campus during the Senior Saints Summit.

(Middle Photo) Claude Jacks of Beeville has his blood pressure taken at a health fair.

(Bottom Photo) Fred Allen of Heights Baptist Church in Temple plays "Sweet Hour of Prayer" on his musical saw during a talent show.



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# **Survey shows Christians more likely than agnostics to buy lottery tickets\_61404**

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WASHINGTON (RNS)—Christians are more likely to invest in lottery tickets than non-Christians while non-Christians are twice as likely as Christians to fast, a newly released survey shows.

The Barna Group, a Ventura, Calif.-based research and analysis company, looked at the relation between faith and lifestyles in a survey of 1,002 adults.

Researchers found that 15 percent of born-again Christians and 23 percent of notional Christians—people who say they are Christian but haven't made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ—bought lottery tickets in a typical week. That compared to 10 percent of adherents of non-Christian faiths and 12 percent of atheists and agnostics.

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# **Baptists want churches to help them with personal needs, survey reveals\_61404**

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**By Polly House**

*LifeWay Christian Resources*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Ask 16,000 Baptists what they need, and their responses will show the real answer is discipleship.

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## **Texas Baptist Men offer clean-up service and meals to flood victims\_61404**

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**By Mary Crouch**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

WHITE SETTLEMENT-Texas Baptist Men dispatched three disaster relief units to help victims of flood-ravaged north Fort Worth.