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**By Deborah Caldwell**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)—One of the major players in the Iraqi prison abuse scandal, it now appears, was the same general almost fired last year for describing the war on terror as a clash between Judeo-Christian values and Satan.

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## Baptist Briefs\_53104

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# Baptist Briefs

**Texans named to SBC committees.** Southern Baptist Convention President Jack Graham named Dwight McKissic, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Arlington, to the SBC credentials committee and Clifton Cummings, pastor of First Baptist Church in Beaumont, to the convention's tellers committee. Cornerstone Baptist is uniquely aligned with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. First Baptist in Beaumont is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

**Endowment to help CBF missionary families.** The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship received a \$100,000 gift from Ed and Laura Anne Vick of Raleigh, N.C., to begin an endowment to promote the spiritual, emotional and physical health of missionaries and their families through counseling, retreats and crisis assistance. The Vicks' goal is to grow the endowment fund through matching gifts to at least \$1 million. Ed Vick, retired chairman and chief executive officer of Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc., and his wife both have been active in missions work through the Fellowship and CBF of North Carolina. He is current chair of the CBF Foundation board of directors and a founding member of the CBF of North Carolina Endowment Management board of directors.

**Kim calls for revival in England.** The president of the Baptist World Alliance called on thousands of people assembled at the 2004 Baptist Assembly in Cardiff, Wales, to pray for revival as the 100th Baptist World Congress approaches in Birmingham in 2005. Billy Kim, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Suwon, Korea, urged British Baptists to pray for the kind of revival that happened in Wales in 1904, when more than 150,000 people came to faith in Jesus Christ in four months.

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# **Study shows North Carolina Baptists don't like the SBC but continue financial support\_53104**

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**By Tony Cartledge & Greg Warner**

*Associated Baptist Press*

BUIES CREEK, N.C. (ABP)-The Southern Baptist Convention and its fundamentalist statement of faith are not viewed favorably among rank-and-file Baptists in North Carolina, even though most Baptist churches in the state still support the SBC financially, a university survey reveals.

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# cartoons\_53104

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[See second cartoon here.](#)



**Can't you just say I'm in the top half  
of the class and let me in?**

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# **ANOTHER VIEW: Watch your step in political march\_53104**

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## **ANOTHER VIEW: Watch your step in political march**

**By Michael Clingenpeel**

There's a presidential election this November. Maybe you haven't noticed it yet, seeing as how you're probably in the midst of "Forty Days of Purpose" or Dr. Adkins, in which case your mind has been on God or food. But if you read the newspaper or watch the news, you may notice that the Republicans and Democrats have a little contest going.

Even if you haven't sniffed a whiff of the campaign, the Internal Revenue Service has. The IRS has issued an advisory to inform churches and clergy that they cannot engage in any partisan politics without jeopardizing the tax-exempt status of their church.

Michael Clingenpeel
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# **Bivocational pastor enjoys coaching Hispanic pastors as BGCT consultant\_53104**

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## **Bivocational pastor enjoys coaching Hispanic pastors as BGCT consultant**

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

SAN ANGELO—Robert Cuellar enjoys coaching almost as much as he enjoys his role as pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista in San Angelo.

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## **DOWN HOME: Countdown clock ticks louder still\_53104**

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# **DOWN HOME: Countdown clock ticks louder still**

That persistent noise pulsing in the background is the clock ticking. For you, it may sound so faint you don't even notice. But it's excruciatingly loud at our house. And it's going to clang even louder.

This clock really started ticking 17 years, six months and 19 days ago. That's when our youngest daughter, Molly, entered this world.

But the 2003-04 school year ended last week, and somebody turned up the volume on the clock. Sometimes-like when I wake up in the middle of the night-it's all I can hear.

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# **EDITORIAL University should live up to its commitment to BGCT\_53104**

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**EDITORIAL:**  
**University should live up to its**

# **commitment to BGCT**

Houston Baptist University should live up to its word to the Baptist General Convention of Texas and rescind its “fraternal relationship” with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

Historically, HBU has been affiliated with the BGCT, received substantial BGCT funding and allowed the BGCT to elect its trustees. In 2000, HBU trustees amended the university's charter, giving themselves authority to elect 75 percent of the trustees, with the BGCT electing only 25 percent. Their action violated the convention's constitution and created a relationship crisis. The crisis seemed to abate in 2001, when the university and convention affirmed a relationship agreement. In it, HBU pledged to “maintain a unique affiliation with the BGCT by not affiliating or establishing a formal relationship with other denominations, conventions or religious entities.” But last fall, HBU created a “fraternal relationship” with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, which was created to compete with the BGCT. Now, the BGCT Executive Board has affirmed a recommendation from a special study committee that asks the university to rescind its “fraternal relationship” with the SBTC.

**Jesus didn't  
negotiate for  
peace with the  
money-changers  
in the Temple or  
the Pharisees  
who ran  
Jerusalem. That's  
because peace-  
at-any-cost is too  
costly.**



The Executive Board's May 25 debate over the request to rescind was warm-hearted and cordial. And excruciating. Some members, including a couple of HBU alumni, expressed anguish over the friction between the school and the convention. Others, including one who helped negotiate the 2001 settlement between the convention and university, expressed dismay that HBU would renege on its expressed faithfulness to the BGCT. Still others plaintively pleaded for the convention to give in to the university in the interest of "peace."

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# **Texan Engle's spin on worship That's why we're all created\_53104**

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## **Texan Engle's spin on worship: That's why we're all created**

**By Leann Callaway**

*Special to the Baptist Standard*

GRAPEVINE—When recording artist Joel Engle isn't performing at various events around the country, he can be found at home in North Texas—leading worship at 121 Community Church, a Texas Baptist congregation in

Grapevine.

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# **ETBU choir bound for Russia\_53104**

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The East Texas  
Baptist  
University  
Concert Choir,  
directed by  
James Moore,  
will perform  
next month  
with the  
Moscow  
Chamber  
Orchestra in  
the Armory of  
the Kremlin  
and in several  
St. Petersburg  
palaces. The  
choir also will  
sing in Baptist  
churches in  
Moscow and  
St. Petersburg.  
The Russia  
Ministry of  
Culture invited  
the ETBU choir  
two years ago  
to sing at the  
300th  
anniversary of  
St.  
Petersburg's  
founding, but  
the trip was  
postponed due  
to safety  
concerns.

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Michael Bell, pastor of Greater St. Stephen First Baptist Church in Fort Worth, helped negotiate the original relationship agreement between HBU and the BGCT.
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**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

DALLAS—The Baptist General Convention of Texas wants Houston Baptist University to rescind its “fraternal relationship” with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. And the convention will escrow most funds budgeted for the university until the matter is settled.

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## **Southwestern uninvited to BGCT exhibit hall\_53104**

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## **Southwestern uninvited to BGCT exhibit hall**

**By Ferrell Foster**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

DALLAS—At least one long-time exhibitor will not be in the exhibit hall at the November meeting of Baptist General Convention of Texas as the result

of a committee-approved policy change.