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## CYBERCOLUMN: Simple things

**By John Duncan**

I'm sitting here under the old oak tree, thinking about simple things. The British poet John Keats once quipped, "Stop and consider! Life is but a day; a fragile dew-drop on its perilous way."

John Duncan
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I'm sitting here with morning dew under my feet, pondering the simple things in life. Jesus used simple things to discuss the kingdom of God—golden treasures stored in lock boxes; wedding banquets in their gala and festive joy with wedding garments like white dresses and a banquet table loaded with delicious food; fruit trees minus figs for a story; plush seats at banquet tables and rough roads with potholes on a narrow way; lamps full of oil for light; a widow sweeping the house while looking for a lost coin; a shepherd searching in the open fields for a lost sheep; farmers plowing fields and planting seeds in expectation of a bountiful crop; storms that blow in at midnight and houses built on a rock; a mother crying over her wayward son and a troubled son who leaves home and returns amid tears and a party on the porch; bread and lights on a hill and simple words

like, "Follow me."

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# **Some teens cut themselves to block out emotional pain, counselor says\_41904**

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## **Some teens cut themselves to block out emotional pain, counselor says**

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

DALLAS-Teenagers in church youth groups may be cutting themselves to

relieve emotional pain, a counselor recently warned North Texas youth ministers.

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# **Warning signs of obsessive-compulsive disorder highlighted\_41904**

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DALLAS—Self-mutilation is not the only type of obsessive-compulsive disorder affecting youth, counselor Carrie Beard told youth ministers at a recent seminar. The disorders can be as varied as the people afflicted, but they share some common traits.

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# **Associational missions partnership leads to long-term missions connection\_41904**

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**By John Hall**

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BURLESON-Partnerships typically are give-and-take relationships. It is no different for Southwest Metroplex Baptist Association, where volunteers recently took a mission trip to Germany and now the association is giving up one of its pastors.

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## **Youth group's pledge to raise**

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LA BLANCA-A church youth group's pledge to help buy property for church expansion inspired the rest of the congregation to give.

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DALLAS-The Baptist General Convention of Texas Bible Study/Discipleship Center will continue helping Texas Baptist churches who use a variety of study materials to meet their “biblical challenges” of reaching non-Christians and equipping believers, according to BGCT staff members.

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## **Sunday school renewal brings growth and excitement to Matador church\_41904**

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MATADOR-Renewed commitment to Sunday school has brought growth

and excitement back to First Baptist Church of Matador.

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SANTA MARIA-Primera Iglesia Bautista hopes to save lives and souls through a fiery new ministry.

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# **Southwestern trustees name deans, OK forming undergraduate college\_41904**

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## **Southwestern trustees name deans, OK forming undergraduate college**

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

FORT WORTH-Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees have elected two of their own board members as deans and agreed in principle to create an undergraduate college on the Fort Worth campus.

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## **Salado church focuses on 140 years of precious memories\_41904**

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Charlene Carson reviews minutes of business meetings at First Baptist Church in Salado.
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## **Salado church focuses on 140 years of precious memories**

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SALADO—Looking forward to its 140th anniversary, First Baptist Church in Salado harkened back to its beginnings.

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## **Around the State\_41904**

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Tolar Church in Tolar held groundbreaking ceremonies for a 13,000-square foot building that will include a sanctuary, nursery facilities and education space. Armo Bentley is pastor.

## Around the State

- ◆ **Kathleen Wood**, assistant professor of biology at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, has been named department chair. She has been at the school since 1999, teaching genetics, cell biology, botany and developmental biology.

- ◆ Six new members were inducted into Hardin-Simmons University's Hall of Leaders April 2. They are **John Brewer**, a 1930 graduate and former microbiology professor at HSU; **Virginia Connally**, a 1933 graduate and one of the first women physicians in Texas; **Bill Scott**, a 1947 graduate and former HSU coach and assistant athletic director and major general and adjutant general of Texas; **Scotty Holland**, a geologist and oil executive who attended the school from 1949 to 1951; **Dossie Wiggins**, a 1919 graduate, former professor and academic dean at HSU, who also was

president of Texas School of Mines (now the University of Texas at El Paso) and Texas Tech University; and **Marijohn Wilkin**, a 1940 graduate, singer and songwriter. Established in 2001, the hall includes 27 previous inductees.



South Hills Church in Fort Worth celebrated the retirement of its debt with a note-burning ceremony. Participating were Pastor Bob Nickell; Wes Brazell, former chairman of the stewardship committee; Doug Ford, chairman of deacons; and Tom Law, director of missions for Tarrant Association.

◆ Houston Baptist University has announced several faculty promotions. Attaining the rank of professor are **Michael Bordelon**, political science; **Gary Clay**, education, and **Randy Wilson**, sociology. Promoted to associate professor are **John Hendrickson**, music; **LuAnn Marrs**, English; and **Melissa Wiseman**, economics.