

Cybercolumn for 5/03 by John Duncan: Simple things_50304

April 30, 2004

Posted: 5/03/04

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

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."

Storylist for 4/05 Issue_40504

April 30, 2004

Storylist for 4/05 issue

GO TO SECTIONS:

- [Texas](#)
- [Baptists](#)
- [Faith](#)
- [Departments](#)
- [Opinion](#)
- [Bible Study](#)

FRONT PAGE ARTICLES

- [No break from ministry for student missionaries](#)
- [Church struggles to learn legal lessons from bus accident](#)
- [Fort Worth evangelist shares gospel message by](#)



- [No break from ministry for student missionaries](#)
- [Buckner marks 125 years of ministry to children, families and the elderly](#)
- [Buckner honors BGCT, Park Cities, orphans' home alumnus](#)
- [How high is the cost of discipleship for missionaries today?](#)
- [Faith-based ad consortium created](#)
- [Baylor Health Care gifts total \\$5.7 million](#)

- [Church earmarks \\$10,000 of missions offering to BWA](#)
- [Help youth succeed by focusing on strengths, speaker urges](#)
- [Experts discuss proper role of religion in public education](#)
- [Archaeologist finds life lessons in ancient relics](#)
- [Logsdon, Wayland partner to bring master of divinity program to South Plains residents](#)
- [BHS employees nap for good cause](#)
- [Christian social workers challenged to transform profession](#)
- [Texas Baptist disaster relief volunteers say they want to serve where God is working](#)
- [Wayland and Kenyan college partner to train church leaders](#)
- [On the Move](#)
- [Around the State](#)
- [Texas Tidbits](#)

IS YOUR CHURCH SAFE & LEGAL?

- [Church struggles to learn legal lessons from bus accident](#)
- [Agency suggests questions to ask when selecting a charter company](#)
- [Privacy policies designed to protect children from predators](#)
- [Establishing a driver policy can help keep church out of court, lawyers say](#)

- [15-passenger vans pose rollover crash risk, extra safety measures needed, agencies say](#)

Previously posted on 3/26

- [Country church believes new life may rest on the other side of the nearby cemetery](#)
- [Baptist aid worker injured in Iraq shooting continues recovery in Dallas](#)
- [Fort Worth evangelist shares gospel message by clowning around the world](#)
- [Building campaign helped unify, strengthen congregation, Mineral Wells pastor testifies](#)



- [How high is the cost of discipleship for missionaries today?](#)
- [CBF, World Vision, Buckner & Kenyan Baptists partner to help AIDS orphans](#)
- [Organization's online auction site sells collectibles to benefit missions](#)
- [Baptist mission volunteers favor construction projects, survey says](#)
- [Baptist Briefs](#)

Previously posted on 3/26

- [Baby Boot Camp offers six weeks of basic training for first-time mothers of newborns](#)
- [Dispute between Shorter College, Georgia Baptists headed for state's Supreme Court](#)



- [Student worship leader followed circuitous rout](#)
- [Modern CD reclaims ancient hymn](#)

Previously posted on 3/26

- [Worship works when leaders relate honestly to each other, Swindoll says](#)



- [Bible exhibit a labor of love for its curators](#)

FAITH & SPORTS

- [Fellowship of Christian Athletes marks 50 years of campus Jesus huddles](#)
- [Good Sports league offers haven from profanity, pressure](#)
- [Sports Idolatrous or just good clean fun for Christians?](#)

Previously posted on 3/26

- [Around the world, Moms in Touch lift up children in prayer](#)



- [Court hears arguments for, against 'under God' in pledge](#)
- [Experts discuss proper role of religion in public education](#)
- [Two-thirds of Americans dissatisfied with moral climate, Gallup Poll says](#)
- [Most Americans claim belief in literal truth of Bible stories, new poll shows](#)

Previously posted on 3/26

- [Revised Federal Marriage Amendment draws mixed reviews](#)

- [Study shows minister surplus, but few willing to serve in small churches](#)



- [Classified Ads](#)
- [Cartoon](#)
- [Texas Baptist Forum](#)
- [On the Move](#)
- [Around the State](#)



- [EDITORIAL: Buckner Christ's presence today](#)
- [EDITORIAL: More churches need to go bivo](#)
- [DOWN HOME: Tax time reminds him of wife's love](#)
- [TOGETHER: Journey to Georgia 'unforgettable'](#)
- [ANOTHER VIEW: Baptists & Pentecostals stand stronger on common ground](#)
- [Cybercolumn by John Duncan: The quality God blesses](#)
- [Cybercolumn by Jeanie Miley: A necessary task in changing times](#)
- [Texas Baptist Forum](#)



- [LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for April 11: Worship is proper response](#)

[to resurrection](#)

- [LifeWay Family Bible Series for April 11: God's grace gives testimony to his great love](#)
- [LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for April 18: Paul gives Timothy his final marching orders](#)
- [LifeWay Family Bible Series for April 18: Jesus Christ is the church's one foundation](#)

[See articles from previous issue 3/22/04 here.](#)

Some teens cut themselves to block out emotional pain, counselor says_41904

April 30, 2004

Posted: 4/16/04

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.

Warning signs of obsessive-compulsive disorder highlighted_41904

April 30, 2004

Posted: 4/16/04

Warning signs of obsessive-compulsive disorder highlighted

By George Henson

Staff Writer

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.

Associational missions partnership leads to long-term missions connection_41904

April 30, 2004

Posted: 4/16/04

Associational missions partnership leads to long-term missions connection

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

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.

Youth group's pledge to raise

money inspires congregation to give more_41904

April 30, 2004

Posted: 4/16/04

Youth group's pledge to raise money inspires congregation to give more

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

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

Curriculum choice not prerequisite for help_41904

April 30, 2004

Posted: 4/16/04

Curriculum choice not prerequisite for

help

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

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.

Sunday school renewal brings growth and excitement to Matador church_41904

April 30, 2004

Posted: 4/16/04

Sunday school renewal brings growth and excitement to Matador church

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

MATADOR-Renewed commitment to Sunday school has brought growth

and excitement back to First Baptist Church of Matador.

South Texas church fired up about new ministry to men in its community_41904

April 30, 2004

Posted: 4/16/04

South Texas church fired up about new ministry to men in its community

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

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

Southwestern trustees name deans, OK forming undergraduate college_41904

April 30, 2004

Posted: 4/16/04

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.

Salado church focuses on 140 years of precious memories_41904

April 30, 2004

Posted: 4/08/04

Charlene Carson reviews minutes of business meetings at First Baptist Church in Salado.

Salado church focuses on 140 years of precious memories

By George Henson

Staff Writer

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

Around the State_41904

April 30, 2004

Posted: 4/16/04

--

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.