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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

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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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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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

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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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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.

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.

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.

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

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.