

On the Move

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Zac Ashley to Mount Ararat Church in Houston as minister of students from First Church in Deer Park.

♦ **Doug Blount** to First Church in Burleson as adult minister of education.

♦ **Brent Bowden** to Central Church in Italy as youth minister.

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“Right or Wrong?”—an ongoing column designed to help Baptist Standard

readers make wise ethical decisions-premieres in this edition of the newspaper.

“Right or Wrong?” is a collaboration between the T.B. Maston Chair of Christian Ethics at Hardin-Simmons University's Logsdon School of Theology and the newspaper, Standard Editor Marv Knox announced.

“Our lives are incredibly complex these days. Everywhere we turn, Christians face complicated issues regarding right and wrong,” Knox said. “The goal of this new column is to provide practical, down-to-earth, biblical answers to real-life ethical questions.”

[Read the new column *Right or Wrong?* here.](#)

Then, give us your opinion in the comments section at the bottom of the article.

Texas Tidbits

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Bivocational ministers re-elect officers, award scholarships.

Members of the Texas Baptist Bivocational and Smaller Membership Ministers and Spouses Association unanimously re-elected officers during the group's annual statewide conference in Belton. Officers are President David Keith of Carlton Baptist Church in Carlton, First Vice President Randy Rather of Tidwell Baptist Church in Greenville, Second Vice President Robert Cepeda of First Baptist Church in Los Fresnos, Secretary Rosalind Ray of Fairy Baptist Church in Fairy and Treasurer Tom Echols of Eagles Wing Baptist Church in Crowley. The association awarded \$1,000 scholarships to three ministry students-Sharon Williams and Angelina Villanueva of Dallas Baptist University and Randy Curtis of Hardin-Simmons University's Logsdon Seminary.

UMHB launches sports management graduate program. The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor is offering a new master of business administration program with an emphasis in sports management. Coordinator Mickey Kerr said the program is a collaborative effort between the College of Business and the College of Education. The program is specifically designed to provide leadership and management skills to a person looking to develop a professional preparation for multi-faceted, sports-related opportunities at the corporate, agency, professional and amateur levels. Students will learn the combined curriculum of business management and sports marketing, sports law and the financial aspects of sports management. For more information about the new graduate program, contact Kerr at (254) 295-4232.

DBU launches honors program. Dallas Baptist University is launching a new undergraduate honors program this fall. Phil Mitchell, assistant professor of English, will lead the University Honors program, designed

specifically to challenge academically gifted students. University Honors is a 30-hour program designed to help students make connections across academic disciplines, to encourage a high level of critical thinking and independent learning and to familiarize students with the full 2,000 years of Christian tradition. The University Honors program also will partner with the Paedeia College Society, an eight-year-old organization founded and led by DBU philosophy professor David Naugle, to offer an annual faculty-student fall study retreat and an annual spring conference. Guest lectures by noted Christian scholars, a weekly worldview symposium and involvement in local cultural events are other ways that the program will strive to build a strong learning community of faculty and students. In fall 2007, the University Honors program will sponsor its first Honors Study Abroad program in London. More information about the University Honors program, including financial aid information and online applications, is available at www.dbu.edu/honors, or call the University Honors program office at (214) 333-5526.

TOGETHER: Katrina calls for prayer, going, giving

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The terrible force of Hurricane Katrina has left us overwhelmed by the pictures and reports we are seeing and hearing. This is a tragedy for millions of people who are connected to the families and culture of the Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama Gulf Coast. The devastation is complete in some areas. The death toll likely will grow over the next few days. How to be there in ways that truly help is on all our minds.

Thank God for the police, fire and National Guard units that have responded quickly. We are grateful for the ministry of the American Red Cross and Salvation Army. And Baptists are proud and thankful for the immediate response of our Texas Baptist Men. Within hours, they were in Marshall, using the facilities of First Baptist Church to stage their equipment in preparation to go into Louisiana. The day after the storm, one unit was in place. The next day, all the units had been assigned.



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The Astrodome in Houston was opened to shelter those who had to flee the Superdome in New Orleans. One of our Texas Baptist Men's feeding units was dispatched to feed 20,000 people a day in Houston-area shelters.

Warren clarifies affiliation with SBC

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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

LAKE FOREST, Calif. (ABP) -Saddleback Community Church is the largest congregation in the Southern Baptist Convention. But is it really Southern Baptist?

Cyber Column by Berry D. Simpson: Weak link

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CYBER COLUMN:

Weak link

By Berry D. Simpson

Thursday morning, July 21, Tigoni, Kenya: “The best showers in Africa are in the Windsor Club,” said John. He was right. It was even better than the hot showers at the Mission House in Nagela, near Kaabong; we earned those showers hiking for hours across the rough ground of northeast Uganda, then hauling solar-heated water in a yellow plastic five-gallon jerry can to an overhead bucket-and-spout arrangement in the bathroom. The trick, surprisingly enough, was blending enough cool water with the hot to make the shower comfortable. On my first attempt, well, Cyndi and I had to dash back and forth under the water to keep from scalding ourselves.

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At Windsor, an excellent facility, I didn’t have to haul any hot water. I remember standing under the large showerhead, volumes of hot water drenching my hair and skin, and thinking: this is just amazing. Even if I had to stand on one foot to keep my left leg extended out of the stream of water so my bandage wouldn’t get wet and come loose. I was still under a nurse’s care for a big blister on my left heel and I knew I’d be in trouble if I lost the bandage. I was sad to be so crippled up that I had to skip the morning run with Cyndi and John and Linda (I worked out in the weight room instead). My knee was still hurting and I had injuries on both feet.

BGCT childcare services to house children from Louisiana institutions

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

Child and family services agencies affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas opened their doors and made resources available to people displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Right or Wrong? Interracial dating

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“My Anglo daughter is dating an African-American young man. I don’t know if this is right or not. What is your advice?”

Condition of New Orleans Seminary still unknown

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By Michael Foust

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary President Chuck Kelley wants to know the condition of his campus.

Consultant for U.S. Embassy in Baghdad saw need for 'oasis' of hope

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| Steve Hemphill at Saddam Hussein's former conference table, around which the senior consultants met every morning for a roundtable report. |
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Consultant for U.S. Embassy in Baghdad saw need for 'oasis' of hope

By Carla Wynn

ATLANTA—Steve Hemphill, a Baptist layman from Monett, Mo., spent 17 months in Iraq—not as a soldier, but as a U.S. Department of State consultant working to establish an Iraqi justice system.

Cyber Column by Jeanie Miley: God calls collect

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CYBER COLUMN: God calls collect

By Jeanie Miley

Sometimes, people ask questions about what it means to be called by God, and when they do, I tremble, remembering back to my own naïve and idealistic 16-year-old desire to serve God in some way.

In 1961, there weren't that many options available to me within my own narrow world, and my realistic father, who also was my pastor, wisely counseled me to keep my options open. He need not have worried, for at the time, my mind could not stretch enough to accept that I, as a woman, could be called by God to anything other than a supportive role and a secondary calling.

Pastor, missionaries share ideas during sabbatical in Thailand

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By Lance Wallace

CBF Communications

University Baptist Church in Houston granted Pastor Robert Creech a sabbatical that sent him around the globe visiting missions personnel. And Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions field personnel were beneficiaries.