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CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Billy Graham's latest crusade in New York appears likely to have been his last. The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association announced he has declined an invitation to lead evangelistic meetings in London later this year.

The organization cited health concerns as factors for the decision, as well as the logistics of conducting an overseas crusade.

Graham, 86, suffers from Parkinson's disease and other ailments and his 85-year-old wife, Ruth, has a degenerative back condition.

BaptistWay Bible Series for August 7: God's justice and

an unrepentant world_72505

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BaptistWay Bible Series for August 7

God's justice and an unrepentant world

- Revelation 15:1-8; 16:12-21

By Wayne Smith

Family Bible Series for August 7: Once and Future Life_72505

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Once and Future Life

- 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

By Mitch Randall

Explore the Bible Series for August 7: Use Godly Tact and Discretion_72505

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Use Godly Tact and Discretion

- Daniel 1-4

By Dennis Tucker

Texas couple road warriors for Christ_72505

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through 55
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partnerships
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seven states
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their faith.

Texas couple: road warriors for Christ

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

WACO—The story of J.V. and Burline Selman's ministry should be written by Rand McNally. They have served through 55 overseas partnerships and traveled through seven states sharing their faith.

Buckner adds Romania to international program_72505

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By Felicia Fuller

Buckner Baptist Benevolences

Under a partnership with Pathway to Joy Ministries, Buckner Orphan Care International has added Oradea, Romania, to its international foster care program.

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Texas Baptist Forum

Blessed to pray

I hear Russell Shires' cry in his letter, "Put down pen and pray" (June 27). As Christians, we need to pray more. There is no such thing as too much. There is no such thing as enough.

Here in America, we are so blessed. We have the right to pray, preach, witness, worship, sing, read our Bibles and vote. We have the rights to pursue happiness and to free speech, both written and oral. To neglect one would be a tragedy.

Letters are welcomed. Send them to
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words maximum.



"People who voted for (George W. Bush) voted for him to put in conservative judges. We'll have to see what he does.

We've been disappointed before by presidents who said they were going to do that ... and then appointed judges who voted to uphold Roe vs. Wade and have been liberal on other ... issues."

Tim Wildmon

President of the American Family Association, on conservative evangelicals' expectations of the president's second term (RNS)

"We'll see."

Pope Benedict XVI

Responding to an invitation from San Antonio Archbishop José Gomez to visit the Alamo City (San Antonio Express-News)

"The principles in the Bible will work for anyone. ... If you give, you will be blessed. I talk about things for everyday life. I don't get deep and theological."

Joel Osteen

Pastor of the nondenominational Lakewood Church in Houston (New York Times/RNS)

"I'm thirsty for this kind of church. I want to go deep in understanding the Bible."

Suhaila Tawfik

A worshipper at National Evangelical Baptist Church, one of at least seven new Christian churches in Iraq (The Washington Post/RNS)

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Jerry Haag
(right),
president and
CEO of South
Texas
Children's
Home, was
named
president of
Baptist Child
Care
Executives.
Stephen
Richerson
(left),
Executive
Director of
Virginia
Baptist
Children's
Home and
Family
Services, was
named
second vice
president
and, Ben
Davis,
President of
Connie
Maxwell
Children's
Home in
South
Carolina, was
named first
vice
president



Texas Tidbits

Clawson inducted into hall of fame. Christian recording artist Cynthia Clawson was inducted into the Texas Gospel Music Hall of Fame this month during ceremonies at Dallas Baptist University. She is a Grammy Award-winning singer who won five Dove Awards from the Gospel Music Association. Clawson graduated from Howard Payne University and holds an honorary doctorate from Houston Baptist University. She and her husband, Ragan Courtney, serve as co-pastors of the Sanctuary, formerly known as Tarrytown Baptist Church in Austin.

Deadline nears for missions awards. The nomination deadline for the 2005 Texas Baptist Missions Foundation Mission Service Awards is Aug. 15. The awards, selected by the foundation's board of advisers, include the Pioneer Award for Service in Missions, the Innovator Award for Creativity in Missions and the Adventurer Award for Leadership in Missions. The awards will be presented during the Texas Baptist Missions Foundation's luncheon Nov. 14 at the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting in Austin. The Pioneer Award goes to a long-time leader in missions or someone who played a key role in beginning mission work that impacted Texas Baptist life. The Innovator Award is bestowed upon a church or individual who provided a model for missions that others can adopt. The Adventurer Award honors an individual who advanced missions through direction of significant mission activities, outstanding financial support or leadership in ministry opportunities. Nominations may be submitted to Bill Arnold at the Texas Baptist Missions Foundation, 333 North Washington, Dallas 75246.

Former Truett Seminary student fined. A judge ordered a former student at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary who lost his scholarship because of homosexual behavior to pay \$77,000 for sending more than 1,000 obscene e-mails to university faculty, administrators and their families and disseminating false information about school officials. James Bass was ordered to pay \$47,000 in damages and \$30,000 in attorneys' fees to Baylor and to stop sending e-mails with pornographic photos and lewd subject matter to university officials. Bass, 25, is enrolled at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Ga.

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McLane
welcomes
ace pitcher
Roger
Clemens to
the
Astros. Photos
courtesy of
Houston
Astros

Astros' owner insists players serve as role models

By Tim Ellsworth

Baptist Press

HOUSTON (BP)—Drayton McLane had two goals when he bought the Houston Astros 13 years ago.

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camp_72505

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First-through-third graders belt out songs at the closing service of Camp Crestview. (Photos by Craig Bird)

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By Craig Bird

Special to the Baptist Standard

GEORGETOWN-Ten years ago, Crestview Baptist Church decided to send its Vacation Bible School to camp. The church-and the community-have not been the same since.

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

WACO—Baylor University regents concluded a three-day summer retreat by reaffirming Baylor 2012—the long-range plan designed to make Baylor one of the top schools of its kind in the nation—and the university's commitment to its historic Baptist heritage.