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By William Perkins

Mississippi Baptist Record

NASHVILLE—Forty percent of the participants in GuideStone Financial Resources' health plans received decreases in premiums last year, apparently due in part to increased health awareness, Guidestone President O.S. Hawkins told messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Gordon Donahoe, right, pastor of Donelson View Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., baptizes Rodney Kelly, 22, June 21 as more than 11,000 messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention watch and applaud. Kelly, who recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, made a profession of faith in Christ during a premarital counseling session with Donahoe. Since members of 10,000 SBC churches did not see anyone baptized last year, SBC leaders decided to feature a baptism at each session of the SBC annual meeting, in Nashville's Gaylord Entertainment Center June 21-22.

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The Alabama Baptist

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South Carolina Baptist Courier

NASHVILLE—Like a mighty wave, God is moving, pouring out his grace in astounding and marvelous ways, Jerry Rankin, president of the International Mission Board, and Southern Baptist workers in South Asia and Africa told messengers to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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By Stella Prather

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

NASHVILLE—Kelly once made excuses for not attending church. Now, she is a faithful member of a new congregation located on the Palm Coast of Florida where she recently came to know Christ.

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By Lonnie Wilkey

Tennessee Baptist & Reflector

NASHVILLE-As the final gavel sounded on the 148th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and balloons were released from the top of the Gaylord Entertainment Center, messengers chanted "Everyone Can" in response to a challenge from SBC President Bobby Welch to witness, win, and baptize one million people in the coming year.

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Managing Editor

Leaders at theological schools that have received financial support from the

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship generally agree the Fellowship needed to reconsider how it relates to “partner” institutions.

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Casa Bautista finds market for Spanish materials in U.S.

By Meghan Merchant

Communications Intern

EL PASO-The world's oldest evangelical Spanish publishing house has distributed its materials to more than 70 countries during the past 100 years. But today, the El Paso-based publisher sees the United States as its largest market.



Synagogue Baptists_62705

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Synagogue blesses Baptists

By George Henson

Staff Writer

It seems only natural that Congregation Beth Torah and WillowCreek Fellowship have joined together in ministry. Their rabbi and pastor have been teaming up for years.

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NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico—Escalating violence in Nuevo Laredo prompted the Baptist General Convention of Texas' River Ministry office to issue a safety advisory for the border city and led some volunteer church groups to cancel their planned trips.

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WACO—A Waco judge on June 15 sentenced former Baylor University basketball player Carlton Dotson to 35 years in prison for killing his teammate, Patrick Dennehy.

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Arlene Sanchez (left) was able to graduate with her class thanks to loyal friends and her family.

Teen discovers meaning of family living in Glass household

By Craig Bird

Baptist Child & Family Services

GONZALES-Even the most strong-willed person needs some unexpected help when a rough life gets even rougher, Arlene Sanchez discovered.

Around the State_62705

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A very large pecan tree branch snapped and landed on the A/C cooling unit for Marshall Hall on the campus of East Texas Baptist University.

No one was injured. The limb probably broke due to the dry conditions in East Texas according to ETBU Director of Public Relations Mike Midkiff.

Around the State

✘ **Charles Garraway**, professor and head of the political science department at Hardin-Simmons University, set the standard for faculty and staff receiving service award pins with his 35 years of service. Recognized for 30 years of service were **Larry Brunner, Joe Darnall, Sandy Graham** and **Charles Richardson**. Receiving pins for 25 years of service were **Joe Garcia, Dorothy Kiser** and **Belinda Norvell**. **Linda Carleton, Dennis Harp, Tim McCarry** and **Ronald Rain-water** were recognized for 20 years of service. **Karanne Grubbs, Steve Jenkins, Jimmie Keeling, Mickey Sartor, Caroline Volbrecht** and **Alan Wartes** have been with the school 15 years. Honored for 10 years of service were **Mary Christopher, Vernon Davis, Joyce Fehr, Herb Grover, Britt Jones, Terry Minami, Jimmie Monhollon, John Neese, Elizabeth Norman, Dennis O'Connell, Janelle O'Connell, Mark Ouimette, Phil Palmer, Andrew Potter, Tina Tarrant** and **Donathan Taylor**.

✘ **Mike Puryear** has been elected chairman of the Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom Board of Directors. He is a graduate of the Howard Payne University academy for honors students and has served on its board previously, including as vice chairman from 2000 to 2004.



Students from the Big Country Home Educator's Association gathered at the Hardin-Simmons University computer lab for hands-on experience in interactive learning. HSU students belonging to the organization Students in Free Enterprise taught the home schoolers and parents how to find age-appropriate learning sites and led them through a number of interactive learning games. HSU students Jordy Bernhard, left, and Jordan Maxwell were two of the facilitators.

✘ Thirty-four University of Mary Hardin-Baylor nursing students were presented pins during graduation ceremonies. Included were **Sara Allen, Deborah Allred, Jolene Beth-une, Jennifer Brown, Margaret Cowart, Stacia Chandler, Jennifer Dancer, Jamy Dillon, Jennifer Doskocil, Michele Fuller, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Jill Harper, Christina Heil, Jill Hilburn, Olivia Jackson, Adina Madrid, Seresea Mitchell, Gina Pampell-Lagrone, Faith Para-deza, Emily Rackley, Kayla Ranly, Christina Smith, Court-ney Stewart, Spring Stohler, Amber Thiele, Beverly Torre-cillas, Wendy Tucker, Stefanie Waugh, Sara Weir** and **Jessica Wright**.