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WACO—Faith, family and finances are three points where many ministers find their integrity tested, a veteran pastor and denominational leader told a ministerial ethics conference.

Authentic spirituality, stability at home and a nonmaterialistic lifestyle demonstrate wholeness—"a person who has it all together," said James Carter, former director of church-minister relations for the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

"An effective, ethical minister is a person of integrity," said Carter, who served 30 years as a pastor. He spoke during a conference at Baylor University's Truett Seminary, sponsored by the Christian Ethics Today Foundation.

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"The minister's faith must be a growing faith," Carter said.

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# Around the State

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Rachel  
Farley of  
Carrollton,  
Rachel  
Penny of  
Highlands,  
K'Lynn  
Childress  
of  
Longview  
and  
Katherine  
Bauer of  
Fresno  
were  
chorus  
members  
in the  
musical  
"She  
Loves  
Me,"  
performed  
by the  
Hilltop  
Players of  
East Texas  
Baptist  
University  
last  
month.

# Around the State

- Ken Blanchard, co-author of *The One-Minute Manager* and *Lead Like Jesus*, will be the featured speaker for the Heavin Lecture in Christian Principles and Business Leadership to be held at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor March 20 at 11 a.m. Blanchard will speak on principles found in *The Simple Truths of Leadership*, his latest book. The event is free and open to the public.
- Houston Baptist University will hold its spring preview weekend for prospective students March 24-25. Students and parents will receive information on admissions, financial aid, housing and scholarships. Students also have the opportunity to sit in on a mock lecture in the area of their choice. There is no cost, but reservations need to be made by calling (281) 649-3211.



Dallas Baptist University recently was host to Joseph Kim, pastor of Wonchon Baptist Church in Suwon, South Korea, along with the Kidz Chorale from Central Christian Academy in Suwon. During a chapel service, the children sang praise and worship songs, performed a pantomime skit, exhibited tae kwon do abilities, and demonstrated a traditional fan dance.

- The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will hold Health Quest 2006 March 24 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Mayborn Campus Center. The health fair is free and open to the public. More than 50 exhibitors from a variety of health and wellness businesses will participate. Health screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, visual acuity, lung function and body fat will be available. As a part of the event, a five kilometer family run will be held at 8 a.m. March 25. Late registration for the run will be held from 6:30 a.m. until 7:45 a.m. prior to the race. Register for the race at [www.runtex.com](http://www.runtex.com). Saturday events will feature free immunizations, a bounce house, healthy snacks, games, prizes and nutrition booths. Member of the Centex Barracudas indoor football team also will be present.

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## **Audio Adrenaline sees music as**

# avenue to challenge youth

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Members  
of Audio  
Adrenaline  
see their  
music as a  
platform  
to  
challenge  
students  
in their  
Christian  
walk.  
(Photo  
courtesy  
of  
Hoganson  
media)

## **Audio Adrenaline sees music as avenue to challenge youth**

**By Leann Callaway**

*Special to the Baptist Standard*

Audio Adrenaline has been a prominent force in Christian rock music

nearly 15 years, selling more than 3 million records and racking up 18 No. 1 singles.

Lead vocalist Mark Stuart, bass guitarist Will McGinniss, guitarist/vocalist Tyler Burkum and drummer Ben Cissell formed the band on the campus of Kentucky Christian College, and in spite of their success, they remained focused on using their music as a platform to challenge students to make a global impact for Christ.

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# **Mother-daughter duo string together a ministry**

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**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

MARLIN—After more than 80 years, many people are ready to retire from ministry, but LaVonne Moore began hers just four months ago. It involves putting bracelets on wrists, smiles on faces and—most importantly to her—Jesus in hearts.

Moore shares a room at the Golden Years Rest Home in Marlin with her daughter, Vicki, and it is there that they have developed their own private assembly line for turning out tools for missionaries far and wide to share the gospel.

From  
their  
nursing  
home  
room,  
LaVonne  
Moore  
(right)  
and her  
daughter,  
Vicki,  
make  
beaded  
bracelets  
used by  
Christian  
witnesses.

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**BAPTIST BRIEFS: Rankin**



# discusses private prayer language

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## BAPTIST BRIEFS

**Birmingham church named national landmark.** 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., the site of a 1963 bombing that killed four girls, has become a national historic landmark. The bombing brought national attention and outrage, speeding passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Three former Klansmen were convicted in the bombing. U.S. Secretary of Interior Gale Norton signed a proclamation that gives the church building the nation's highest historic distinction. National status protects the church from being destroyed for any federal project and could make it easier to raise money to maintain and restore the building. A church foundation has raised just under \$3.3 million in a \$3.8 million restoration campaign.

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**Yemeni executed for killings of Baptist medical workers.** The Yemeni gunman who killed three Southern Baptist medical workers in 2002 was executed by firing squad Feb. 27, according to wire reports. Abed Abdul Razak Kamel was shot in the central prison of the southern Ibb province as judicial officials observed, Yemen's Saba state news agency reported. Kamel was convicted for the Dec. 30, 2002, shooting deaths of Jibla Baptist Hospital director William Koehn, physician Martha Myers and purchasing agent Kathleen Gariety. A pharmacist was seriously wounded but later recovered. Kamel admitted in court to coordinating the attack with Islamic

militant activist Ali al-Jarallah. Al-Jarallah was executed Nov. 27 for plotting the medical workers' deaths and for assassinating a prominent national politician. The Jibla Baptist Hospital provided care for thousands of people in the impoverished Middle Eastern nation for more than 30 years after it was started in the Ibb province by Southern Baptist workers. It was reopened in 2003 by the Yemeni government's health ministry.

**LifeWay names VP.** Trustees of LifeWay Christian Resources named Tom Hellams vice president and executive associate to newly installed President Thom Rainer. Hellams will be chief coordinating staff member of the executive management team. Since 1997, he was executive assistant to President Al Mohler at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

**Mission Center names building for McWhorter.** A new building for Houston's Gano Mission Center has been named for home missionary Mildred McWhorter, who retired in 1992 after 30 years as director of the Houston Baptist Centers. The Mildred McWhorter Missionary Building will provide dorm rooms for short-term volunteers, three private apartments for long-term volunteers, two conference rooms, dining and kitchen facilities, offices and a prayer room. The 7,400-square-foot facility is scheduled for completion in May. The Gano Mission Center, just north of downtown Houston, is one of three Baptist mission centers in the city.

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# Cartoon

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"I can get you into this location for the low cost of 10% of your income. This little number is located conveniently near the Sunday schools and previously was used only by little old ladies on Sundays."

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention ( SBC ) and around the world.

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# Partnership yields church building for Chinese Christians

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**By Lance Wallace**

*Cooperative Baptist Fellowship*

YANTING, China—Seventy Christians in a Chinese city of 200,000 people have a new place to worship, thanks to an unusual partnership between Chinese Christians, a Houston Baptist church and Anglican relatives of one of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Global Missions field personnel.

CBF Global Missions field personnel Bill and Michelle Cayard brought together these partners to play a crucial role in the life of a small church that had sought their help to make their dream of a church building a reality.

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## Down Home: Grace & patience,

# or a big ol' crash

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## Down Home:

### Grace & patience, or a big ol' crash

Road construction ought to be labeled Texas' State Business. You know, like the mockingbird is the State Bird and the monarch butterfly is the State Insect.

Almost anywhere you go across the Lone Star State, particularly in the cities and suburbs and along the interstate highways, you confront road construction. We're growing so fast, and our roads are so run-down, we can't build them or repair them fast enough. (Note to parents: If you want your children to be employed all their lives, set them up as paving contractors.)

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All this road building has prompted a singular desire: Just one day before I retire, I will drive all the way to and from work without taking a construction detour or passing a construction cone. When I describe this dream, my spiritually sensitive friends stammer in wonder: "You really do believe in miracles, don't you?" Most lack such faith. "It'll never happen," they predict.

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# **Fairview church discovers: *â* *â* *A* little child shall lead them*â* *â***

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Pastor Paul  
Wrightsman  
says an influx  
of children  
has brought  
an additional  
energy to  
Fairview  
Community  
Church,  
which was  
recovering  
from the  
effects of  
changing  
demographics  
in the  
surrounding  
community.  
The church,  
primarily  
made up of  
senior adults,  
now boasts  
many  
children,  
especially on  
Wednesdays.

# Fairview church discovers: 'A little child shall lead them'

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

COPPERAS COVE—The aptly named Fairview Community Church sits well off the main drag in Copperas Cove, next to an elementary school and in the midst of houses.

It's what Pastor Paul Wrightsman calls a neighborhood church—a church built primarily to reach people in its immediate vicinity.

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## Technology enables hearing-impaired to experience worship

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Michelle  
Varner  
watches as  
Susan  
Jones  
translates  
for Esther  
Kelly,  
while John  
Palmer and  
Eddie  
Jones also  
participate.

## **Technology enables hearing-impaired to experience worship**

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

RICHARDSON—A Texas Baptist church is using technology to make worship more accessible to hearing-impaired members and guests.

Through the use of Computer Access Real-Time—CART—translation, hearing-impaired worshippers at The Heights Baptist Church in Richardson can read the words of songs and sermons from a computer screen.

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# Executive Board approves Texas/Missouri partnership

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Baptist  
General  
Convention  
of Missouri  
Executive  
Director  
Jim Hill  
shakes  
hands with  
BGCT  
Executive  
Director  
Charles  
Wade.

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**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

DALLAS—At its inaugural meeting, the reconstituted Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board approved a three-year partnership

linking Texas Baptists with the Baptist General Con-vention of Missouri.

The board ratified a strategic partnership agreement with the Baptist General Con-vention of Missouri, a fellowship of 125 churches formed when fundamentalists gained control of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

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## On the Move

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- **Henry Adrion** to Iola Missionary Church in Iola as interim pastor.
- **Bruce Ammons** has resigned as pastor of ministry development at First Church in Katy to teach the Conquering Debt God's Way seminar full-time. He can be contacted at (806) 780-7615.
- **Bobby Atwell** to First Church in Joshua as transitional pastor.