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Missions network participants rally in Arlington

By Barbara Bedrick

Texas Baptist Communications

ARLINGTON—Seven Texas Baptist churches sponsored a statewide missions rally Nov. 12 to champion a movement toward local-church mission work.

“Missions is messy,” said Dennis Wiles, pastor of [First Baptist Church in Arlington](#). “It’s like a plate of food at a family reunion, but it’s as community-minded as Starbucks.”

Dennis Wiles, pastor of First Baptist Church in Arlington, leads a statewide missions celebration.
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Fire destroys encampment auditorium

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Fire destroys encampment auditorium

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

SPICEWOOD—Fire destroyed the auditorium at the [Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center](#) Nov. 18.

The fire devastated the building, twisting steel beams, imploding chairs and burning the stage. Its cause still is under investigation.

All that's left of the auditorium at Highland Lakes conference center.

Court hears arguments on partial-birth abortion ban cases

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Court hears arguments on partial-birth abortion ban cases

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The man who may cast the deciding vote in the Supreme Court’s first major abortion cases in six years tipped his hand little during oral arguments Nov. 8.

Justice Anthony Kennedy asked a series of highly technical questions of attorneys for each side in the two related cases, [Gonzales v. Carhart](#) and [Gonzales v. Planned Parenthood](#). Calmly and methodically, he inquired about the medical and legal specifics of a subject that has provoked heated political and social debate in recent years—a procedure opponents label “partial-birth abortion.”

Wade still has support despite anger, sadness at scandal

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Wade still has support despite anger, sadness at scandal

By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

DALLAS (ABP)—Rank-and-file Texas Baptists are sad and angry about the financial scandal in the Rio Grande Valley that has marred their reputation. But most say they still trust their leaders—including Executive Director Charles Wade—to correct abuses and restore confidence in the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

That was the message that emerged from the BGCT's annual meeting Nov. 13-14 in Dallas, as messengers turned back several attempts to take the matter out of the hands of Wade and the convention's Executive Board.

Arkansas OKs bingo despite Baptist opposition

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Arkansas OKs bingo despite Baptist

opposition

By Charlie Warren

Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., (ABP)—An Arkansas constitutional amendment legalizing charitable bingo and raffles passed Nov. 7, despite the efforts of Baptists to defeat it.

Amendment 1, which passed with 69 percent of the vote, will allow non-profit organizations to raise funds through bingo and raffles. It lifts a ban on such games, which were illegal under Article 19, Section 14 of the state constitution. The Arkansas Constitution also prohibits lotteries.

RIGHT or WRONG? The ethics of blogging

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RIGHT or WRONG? The ethics of blogging

Blogging, particularly by Baptist pastors, has been in the news this year. It seems as if some of the bloggers are ignoring important ethical standards that should be applied to this technology. What

would you suggest?

The web-log, or blog as it has become known, has risen in popularity over the past few years as more and more Internet-savvy individuals use this service as a medium of communication and expression. Sometimes bloggers use their sites as an online diary, sharing the various events of their lives with their readers. An increasing number of bloggers, however, are using their space on the Internet to disseminate their opinions on various topics, including politics and religion.

Executive director committed to ‘clean up the mess’

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Executive director committed to ‘clean up the mess’

By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

DALLAS—Drawing inspiration from the story of Jesus’ baptism and subsequent time of temptation, Charles Wade, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board, urged Texas Baptists

to listen to God's voice and discern his will for churches and individuals.

Wade acknowledged failures at some points—particularly addressing the [scandal](#) regarding misused church starting funds in the Rio Grande Valley.

Executive
Director
Charles
Wade
brings a
report to
the Baptist
General
Convention
of Texas
annual
meeting.
(Photo by
Eric Guel)

Texas WMU reschedules annual meeting

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Texas WMU reschedules annual meeting

By Barbara Bedrick

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—Woman’s Missionary Union of Texas’ board of directors voted to move the organization’s 2008 annual meeting to April instead of its traditional date scheduled in conjunction with the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting.

Board members said the move will enable WMU of Texas to better emphasize its role in missions. The organization has had a one-day meeting before the BGCT annual meeting. In 2008, a two-day meeting will enable WMU of Texas to communicate more effectively what it is doing, proponents argue.

Woman prays during the Woman's Missionary Union meeting.
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Unity emphasized at Texas Baptist Hispanic Fellowship rally

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Unity emphasized at Texas Baptist Hispanic Fellowship rally

By Craig Bird

Baptist Child & Family Services

DALLAS—There is one reason to think Christians can successfully obey Jesus' command to "be brought to complete unity," Robert Rodriguez reminded the annual [Texas Baptist Hispanic Fellowship](#) rally at Cockrell Hill Baptist Church in Dallas.

"Unity doesn't begin with us, and it is not the result of external efforts," said Rodriguez, pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Harlingen.

Those
attending
the
Hispanic
Fellowship
meeting
worship at
Cockrell
Hill
Baptist
Church in
Dallas.

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Baylor
University
President John
Lilley (left) and
Paul Powell
(right), dean of
Baylor's Truett
Seminary,
presents Texas
Baptist Ministry
Awards on
behalf of the
seminary and
the Baptist
Standard to
Shirley Madden,
founder of My
Father's House,
Lubbock; Dick
Maples, former
associate
executive
director of the
Baptist General
Convention of
Texas; and
Jimmy Dorrell,
executive
director of
Mission Waco.
(Photo by
Robert
Rogers/Baylor
University)

Ministry awards presented to Texas Baptist innovators

By **Marv Knox**

Editor

DALLAS—Three innovators received the 2006 Texas Baptist Ministry Awards during the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting in Dallas Nov. 13.

Dick Maples accepted the W. Winfred Moore Award for lifetime ministry achievement. Jimmy Dorrell took the George W. Truett Award for ministerial excellence. And Shirley Madden received the Marie Mathis Award for lay ministry.