

# Warm affection, cool discipline key to parenting

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**By Miranda Bradley**

*Children at Heart Ministries*

DALLAS—It takes positive attitudes and strong relationships to be a “cool” parent, said C.V. Blake, pastor to young and median adults at [First Baptist Church in Abilene](#).

“I always tell my kids, ‘I will love you warmly and discipline you coolly,’” he said during a workshop held in conjunction with the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting.

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**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

A church planting institute founded by [Otto Arango](#)—the central figure in an investigation that revealed misuse and mismanagement of Texas Baptist church starting funds in the Rio Grande Valley—will cease to exist at the end of this year.

At a called meeting in Dallas Nov. 14, the [Piper Institute for Church Planting](#) board of directors voted unanimously to dissolve the corporation, effective Dec. 31.

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**By Teresa Young**

*Wayland Baptist University*

DALLAS—Even though many churches might choose to believe otherwise, most congregations have members facing sexual addiction issues, said Darin Griffiths, licensed professional counselor with [South Texas Children's](#)

[Home](#) family ministry in Corpus Christi.

Griffiths believes the only way healing will occur is by providing a safe haven to deal with the issue.

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Texas  
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Director  
Leo Smith  
describes  
how God is  
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through  
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Baptist  
Men  
during the  
group's  
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before the  
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(Photo by  
Craig Bird)

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**By Craig Bird**

## *Baptist Child & Family Services*

DALLAS—A new partnership between [Texas Baptist Men](#) and [Walking In Love Ministries](#) is revitalizing the outreach of three Baptist hospitals in Nigeria, participants at the Texas Baptist Men's rally learned.

Six mission reports highlighted the rally, held prior to the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting in Dallas.



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DALLAS—Dallas [Christian Women's Job Corps](#) graduate Patrice Oats recently received national recognition as recipient of the Sybil Bentley

Dove Endowment Award—a financial prize from Woman’s Missionary Union intended to help determined women rebuild their lives.

Oats—who works at two Dallas hospitals and is completing her nursing degree at Texas Woman’s University in Denton—already has made strides in that direction.

Patrice  
Oats, a  
graduate of  
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Ridgecrest  
Conference  
Center in  
Asheville,  
N.C.



# Moving On: Board 'pre-empted' by BGCT recommending reforms

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Praying for healing from financial scandal, Texas Baptists gathered for their annual meeting in Dallas. (Photo by Eric Guel)

## Moving On: Board 'pre-empted'

# BGCT by recommending reforms

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

DALLAS—With “Together We are Doing More” as their stated theme and healing from financial scandal as the subtext woven through every session of their annual meeting, Texas Baptists met in Dallas to chart their course for the next year.

Messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting elected officers, adopted a \$50.6 million budget and went on record speaking out in favor of environmental stewardship and against human trafficking.



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## **DOWN HOME: A furry friendâ€™s untimely end**

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"Do you hear something?" Joanna asked early one evening.

"What? Where?" I asked. My wife hears better than I do.

"That. There," she replied, pointing to the space over the kitchen cabinets, just right of the sink.

Then we both heard it. "Scrrrritch, scrrrritch, scrrrritch, thump, thump." Or something like that. A few minutes later, the scratching and thumping stopped, and we didn't hear it the rest of the evening.

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## **EDITORIAL: Churches next to â€œvoteâ€œ on BGCT future**

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Now, the real voting begins.

Each autumn, the Baptist General Convention of Texas holds an annual meeting to conduct its business. Because the folks who oppose the Southern Baptist Convention's fundamentalist trajectory have been so effective at rallying their faithful, votes on the BGCT's most significant actions in the past two decades have been lopsided. Year after year, convention messengers approved proposals distancing the state convention from the national convention.

However, a vote on the convention floor doesn't necessarily translate into similar action by the churches. Year after year, the churches took "votes" that really mattered—deciding how they would respond to convention actions. Many of them exercised their convention-mandated freedom to make decisions contrary to the overwhelming will of messengers at the annual meeting.



So, now we realize the measure of an annual meeting isn't known until the churches decide how they will respond to convention actions.

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# Texas Baptist Forum

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**Business skills**

The [Rio Grande Valley scandal](#) is quite a blow. I hope this incident is not symbolic of a general ineptness in Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board management. We probably have some people in our BGCT management who need to be replaced, but I'm not advocating a general housecleaning.

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250 words maximum.



*"I'm not an arm-waver and a clapper and a dancer. Music doesn't do that to me, although it stirs me inside."*

**Bill Hybels**

Pastor of Willow Creek Community Church, a Chicago-area megachurch, speaking about how he chooses to stand, eyes closed in contemplation, while others in his sanctuary sway and wave their arms in praise  
(*Chicago Tribune/RNS*)

*"God's promise to us was that we would have entrance into the hearts of the ungodly without them knowing it."*

**Matthew Crouch**

Producer of the new film *One Night With the King*, based on the biblical story of Esther, telling Texas pastors about his efforts to use the film to influence culture (*Dallas Morning News/RNS*)

*"If we're not willing to use it here against our fellow citizens, then we should not be willing to use it in a wartime situation."*

**Michael Wynne**

Air Force secretary, suggesting nonlethal weapons, such as high-power microwave devices, should be used on American citizens in crowd-control situations before being used on the battlefield (CNN.com)

My experience is that most ministers, while they may be excellent pastors, are not very good business managers. They don't want to put forth the time and effort to properly manage the business affairs of the church, or in the Valley case, the business affairs of the Valley ministry.

Good management of a multi-million-dollar budget won't just happen. It requires managers with good business skills. I'll state without fear of contradiction that if the BGCT had good business practices in place, that were followed by BGCT management, there is no way the Valley scandal would have occurred.

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## **N.C. Baptists bar gay-friendly churches**

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**By Steve DeVane & Rob Marus**

*Biblical Recorder & Associated Baptist Press*

GREENSBORO, N.C. (ABP)—Baptist churches in North Carolina will have to deny membership to gays or face expulsion from the [Baptist State Convention of North Carolina](#).

Messengers to the convention's annual meeting voted Nov. 14 to add

language to its governing documents that will exclude from convention membership any church thought to affirm homosexual behavior.

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## On the Move

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- **Charles Ashley** has resigned as music minister at Calvary Church in Pilot Point.
  - **Harry Ball** has resigned as pastor of Fairlie Church in Wolfe City.
  - **Shelly Barber** has resigned as children's minister at Highland Church in Denton.
  - **Robert Black** has resigned as minister of music at First Church in Tulia.
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# Religious freedom violators

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**By Keith Roshangar**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The U.S. State Department has sent Congress its list of countries that are the worst violators of religious freedom—adding Uzbekistan but dropping Vietnam.

Seven “countries of particular concern” from last year’s list returned this year—Burma, China, North Korea, Eritrea, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Sudan. The eighth [annual report on international religious freedom](#) was released in September; its [list of problem countries](#) was issued Nov. 13.