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By Adelle Banks

Religion News Service

CINCINNATI, Ohio (RNS)— The Progressive National Baptist Convention continued its call for an end to the war in Iraq during its annual meeting in Cincinnati, saying resources spent on the conflict are needed to address the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Delegates to the meeting held their 45th annual session in the city where the historically African-American denomination was founded.

"This unnecessary, unwise and destructive war in Iraq is rupturing our nation, corrupting our foreign relations and disrupting our future. Iraq is now a growing cancer rapidly and deeply spreading nationally and globally."

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Douglas Runkles, otherwise known as "Runks" to youth ministries across the country, shares the gospel through humor.

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By Leann Callaway

Special to the Baptist Standard

LEVELLAND—“Funny name, funny guy, deep message”—that’s the slogan of Douglas Runkles of First Baptist Church in Levelland, better known as “Runks” to youth ministries across the country.

As a popular youth communicator, he likes to see his teenage audiences laughing so hard it hurts, because he has discovered humor serves as his best tool to connect with students. And after he captures their attention, he shifts gears to describe his own life struggles and challenge young people to trust God to overcome their struggles and addictions.



Douglas Runkles

Texas Tidbits

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Baylor names dean for student development. Baylor University has named Elizabeth Palacios dean of student development. In her new post, Palacios will provide leadership in campus recreation, multicultural activities and student activities. Palacios holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Baylor and earned a doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin. She is a licensed professional counselor and a licensed specialist in school psychology. From 1991 to 1995, Palacios served as Baylor's coordinator of community service. She has served as an instructor in civic education at Baylor since 1991, a part-time lecturer in the department of educational psychology in the School of Education from 1995 to 2002 and as a full-time lecturer in educational psychology since 2002.

DBU receives \$250,000 gift. The Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation has granted Dallas Baptist University \$250,000 toward construction of a new chapel on the DBU campus. Currently, DBU students meet in a gymnasium for chapel services, convocations and special events. The new chapel building will seat about 1,400 individuals and also will house the school's intercessory prayer ministry and offices for the Cook Graduate School of Leadership. DBU has received \$3 million from the Andersen Foundation in the last 12 years.

TOGETHER: BGCT emphasizes church leadership

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The Apostle Peter, after a lifetime of following Jesus and providing leadership among the early Christians, gives this poignant counsel to young pastors:

“I have a special concern for you church leaders. I know what it’s like to be a leader, in on Christ’s sufferings as well as the coming glory. Here’s my concern: That you care for God’s flock with all the diligence of a shepherd. Not because you have to, but because you want to please God. Not calculating what you can get out of it, but acting spontaneously. Not bossily telling others what to do, but tenderly showing them the way.

“When God, who is the best shepherd of all, comes out in the open with his rule, he’ll see that you’ve done it right and commend you lavishly.



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“So, be content with who you are, and don’t put on airs. God’s strong hand is on you; he’ll promote you at the right time. Live carefree before God; he is most careful with you” (1 Peter 4:19-5:7).

Wayland dean & chemistry prof on the roll 23 years

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Emmitt
Tipton
(left), dean
of students
at Wayland
Baptist
University,
and Harold
Temple
(right),
Wayland
chemistry
professor,
deliver a
noon meal
to Deryl
and Thelma
Tapp of
Plainview
during their
weekly
Meals on
Wheels
route. The
pair have
delivered
meals every
Thursday
since 1983.
(Photo by
Teresa
Young)

Wayland dean & chemistry prof on the roll 23 years

By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW—Don't expect to find Emmitt Tipton in his office at Wayland Baptist University around 11 a.m. on Thursdays. And if you're looking in the chemistry lab for Professor Harold Temple around that same time, don't bet on finding him, either.

The two have worked at Wayland Baptist University for several decades, and for nearly all that time, they've shared a Thursday morning ritual that has touched the lives of hundreds.

RIGHT & WRONG? Social issues vs evangelism

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"Our church receives denominational literature that suggests we

should address social issues. Doesn't this smack of pulling us away from missions and evangelism endeavors?"

Cybercolumn by Berry Simpson: Looking back

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CYBER COLUMN: Looking back

By Berry Simpson

I was thinking about the dinner my wife, Cyndi, and I attended in China with three other Midland couples and former Dongying Mayor Lei.

It was a fun evening with lots stories. Mayor Lei dominated the evening; he talked 75 percent of the time, and one of his favorite topics was how China is 5,000 years old and the United States is only 200 years old, yet the United States is the leader of the world. He thinks China had a lot to learn from us. He said China is too proud of its past and keeps looking back and bragging, while the West is always looking forward to the future. The mayor repeated, "China must learn to look forward."

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Simpson

Farmersville church vandalized; members respond by 'tagging' for God

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By Gregory Tomlin

Baptist Press

FARMERSVILLE (BP)—Members of First Baptist Church in Farmersville arrived for Sunday morning worship Aug. 13 to find anti-Christian and communist slogans scrawled across their church's property.

But instead of merely scrubbing the messages off the building and walkways, church members responded by writing messages of their own about God's love for sinners.

Judge orders Missouri Baptist Convention, university to try mediation again

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By Vicki Brown

Missouri Word & Way

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ABP)—The Missouri Baptist Convention and Missouri Baptist University must sit down and discuss possible solutions to their ongoing legal battle.

In 2002 the convention sued five of its agencies that decided to elect their own trustees—a right previously granted to the convention.

BaptistWay Bible Series for August 27: The gospel transforms human relationships

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BaptistWay Bible Series for August 27

The gospel transforms human relationships

- Philemon

By Joseph Matos

Family Bible Series for August 27: Maximize the opportunities God provides

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Family Bible Series for August 27

Maximize the opportunities God provides

- Acts 19:1-5, 8-10, 23-28

By Greg Ammons

Explore the Bible Series for August 27: The love song of the Old Testament

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Explore the Bible Series for August 27

The love song of the Old Testament

- Song of Songs 1:1-8:14

By James Adair

Baptist University of the Americas, San Antonio

Imagine a reader standing before the congregation on a Sunday morning: “Our Old Testament lesson today,” he begins, “is from Sonnets from the

Portuguese by Elizabeth Barrett Browning. 'How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. ...'"