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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

JUAREZ, Mexico—The waters in the Gulf of Mexico may have been calm so far this hurricane season, but Texas Baptist Men and Mexican Baptists are preparing for the next natural disaster.

During the recent annual meeting of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, a team of TBM volunteers trained more than 100 Mexican Baptist leaders from throughout the nation in how to set up and execute a widespread disaster relief ministry.

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## Texas Tidbits

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**BGCT contributes to relief in Middle East.** The Baptist General Convention of Texas has sent \$20,000 to Baptist World Aid to help Israeli and Lebanese Baptists minister to people affected by armed conflict in the region. Texas Baptists can continue to support disaster response ministries by sending funds to BGCT Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 159007, Dallas 75315.

**Wayland names associate VP.** Elane Seebo, dean of Wayland Baptist University's Wichita Falls campus, has been named associate vice president of external campuses—a new position at the university. Seebo will be responsible for overseeing operations on the 13 external campuses in the Wayland system with their combined enrollment of about 5,000 students. Seebo is a graduate of Oklahoma State University, holds master's degrees from Texas Tech University and Pepperdine University and earned a doctorate from the University of North Texas.

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## **TOGETHER: Texas Baptists not slowed by summer heat**

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# **TOGETHER:**

## **Texas Baptists not slowed by summer heat**

In the midst of one of the hottest summers in recent memory, when many people are simply looking for the coolest place to escape the heat, our Texas Baptist family is deeply and richly involved in kingdom work.

We have sent Texas Baptist World Hunger Offering and disaster response funds to help with the needs of refugees caught in the war zones of the Middle East. Our Baptist brothers and sisters in Lebanon, Syria, Palestine and Israel are seeking to be instruments of grace and peace in the heartbreak that surrounds them, and Texas Baptists are helping them.



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Every region has its own politics to deal with, but Jesus followers are called to minister wherever they can. From Lebanon came the appeal for help as the Lebanese Baptists minister to the refugees from southern Lebanon who in previous years sometimes persecuted the Christian believers. How do you ask people to care for people who have abused them? In Jesus' name. Let all of us who serve the Prince of Peace pray now for peace in this

troubled and dangerous land.

There is a different kind of devastation in El Paso—flooding. In the first six months of the year El Paso received one inch of rain. In a few hours on July 31 six inches of rain fell in the city. Pray for the people who are hurting and pray for your Baptist family as they minister to the needs. The BGCT will be glad to forward funds to help in this situation, as well.

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# **Texas WMU moves toward "frontline" missions involvement**

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WMU of Texas looks for provide Texas Baptists more mission opportunities throughout the state and around the world.
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DALLAS—Mission work worldwide remains the focus of Woman's Missionary Union of Texas, but how the organization carries that vision out is set to change in the next several years.

The Baptist women's group soon will be trying to provide more "frontline" missions opportunities than it has in the past in an effort to connect with a younger generation.

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**By Hannah Elliott**

*Associated Baptist Press*

ATLANTA (ABP)—About 1,600 Baptist women have been ordained to the ministry in the United States, a new report released by Baptist Women in Ministry revealed.

Authors Eileen Campbell-Reed and Pamela Durso presented their report, “The State of Women in Baptist Life,” at the organization’s annual meeting this summer in Atlanta.

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## **Faith goes to work as business accommodates belief**

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**By Candace Goforth**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)—A Muslim employee’s daily prayers. A lunchtime Bible study group. A Jewish employee’s observance of the High Holy Days. What does any of this have to do with conducting business? These days, plenty.

More Americans are bringing their faith to work, and employers need to be

sure their workplace policies are keeping pace with the trend, cultural observers have noted.

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DALLAS (ABP)—With a Mormon looking like a serious contender for the Republican presidential nomination in 2008, it may be time to ask: Is the country ready to elect a Mormon president? If a Los Angeles Times poll is accurate, then the answer is: Maybe not.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (also known simply as “LDS”) is one of the fastest-growing religions in the world, with more than 5.5 million members in the United States alone. There are currently 16 Mormons in Congress—five senators and 11 representatives.

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Heavy rains have flooded portions of El Paso and Juarez, forcing people from their homes. (Photo by Juan Pacheco)

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The Baptist General Convention of Texas will provide \$15,000 to help



victims of flooding in El Paso and Juarez.

The convention will send \$12,500 in funds from a designated disaster response account and the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions to the El Paso Baptist Association to assist Texas Baptists affected by flooding.

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## **RIGHT OR WRONG? The 'servant leadership' model**

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**I'm hearing more about servant leadership as a model for pastoral leadership. As I understand the terms pastor/elder/overseer in the New Testament, servant leadership just doesn't seem to be an appropriate pastoral leadership model. Are we simply picking up some cultural model and imposing it on our churches?**

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# **Bivocational ministers gather to sharpen skills, and worship and fellowship**

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Bivocational  
and Smaller  
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Statewide  
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met for  
worship,  
seminars and  
networking at  
the  
University of  
Mary Hardin-  
Baylor  
campus.  
(Photos by  
Eric Guel)

# **Bivocational Ministers Conference marks 20 years**

**By Eric Guel**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

BELTON—Leaders of Texas Baptist bivocational and small churches didn't let distance or cost keep them from their annual get-together this summer.

For the 20th consecutive year, the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor hosted them for the annual Bivocational and Smaller Church Ministers and Spouses Statewide Conference.

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## **Family Bible Series for August 13: Maintaining A Heavenly Focus**

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### **Maintaining A Heavenly Focus**

- Colossians 2:20-3:17

**By Greg Ammons**

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# **BaptistWay Bible Series for August 13: Life in the Fellowship of Faith**

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for August 13**

## **Life in the Fellowship of Faith**

- Titus 2:1-14

**By Joseph Matos**