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By Laura Frase

Communications Intern

LADSON, S.C.—Chaplain Bill Herrmann found his calling about 13 years ago while watching televised news reports of bombed Marine barracks in Beirut. A Marine looked into the camera and asked, “Can someone please send us some support?”

Texas Tidbits

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Pilgrim provides record gift to DBU. Dallas Baptist University took a major step toward building its first chapel in 108 years, thanks to an \$8 million contribution from Bo Pilgrim, chairman of the Pilgrim's Pride poultry company. The gift represents half of the university's \$16 million chapel campaign. The 1,400-seat Patty and Bo Pilgrim Chapel will be located in the heart of the campus in southwest Dallas. "We are grateful beyond words for the generosity of Mr. Pilgrim," DBU President Gary Cook said. "With this gift, we will be able to fulfill a dream for a chapel, which has been on the heart of members of the DBU family ever since we moved to Dallas in 1965." The chapel will accommodate student chapel services and host major campus events. Additional space will be allocated for the Alumni Association office, intercessory prayer ministry and Cook Graduate School of Leadership. DBU has held chapel services in the Burg Center, a multi-use facility that doubles as the school's gym. For information on the chapel campaign, contact Adam Wright by phone at (214) 333-5597 or by e-mail at adam@dbu.edu.

Baylor Medical named among top hospitals. For the 14th consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report has designated Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas among the nation's top 50 hospitals in seven specialties in its 2006 "America's Best Hospitals" guide. Baylor Dallas made the list in each of seven specialties—digestive disorders (No. 20), endocrinology (No. 17), gynecology (No. 37), heart/heart surgery (No. 44), kidney disease (No. 34), neurology and neurosurgery (No. 42) and orthopedics (No. 22). Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation also ranked 20th among the nation's top rehabilitation facilities.

TOGETHER: Next generation deserves investment

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Children and teenagers get a lot of attention from churches during the summer, and we are hearing great reports of decisions made and lives touched. This is happening through Baptist camps, Super Summer, Vacation Bible Schools, the Texas Baptist All-State Choir and Band, Youth Evangelism Conference, church mission trips and other activities.

Of course, children and youth ministries are not just for the summer. Every Sunday of the year, young people study God's word in Sunday school, learn to relate to one another and discover the church and its leaders truly care for them.



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Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." Jesus-kind-of-churches reach out to children and young people. They pray for them and give them opportunities to know the Bible and to respond to the Holy Spirit's invitation to follow Christ. These churches, like Jesus, know how to enjoy life, how to have a party with their kids. They are not stodgy, grim or afraid of life. They believe God loves every kid in town and are looking to reach out to every one of them.

If a church quits caring for children and youth, making a real place for them in the life of the church, soon a whole generation of kids comes and goes without the gospel making a difference in their lives. It can happen before you know it. A church can get preoccupied with other things, can go through division and hurt, and can disappoint through the moral failure of leaders.

Americans back off values legislation

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By Daniel Burke

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The number of Americans who believe the federal government should promote “moral values” has dropped significantly in the last 10 years, a recent Gallup poll revealed.

Clergy, laity see windfall differently

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By Preetom Bhattacharya

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—A survey of Protestant ministers and churchgoers shows significant differences in the ways the groups would spend an unexpected surge in income in their churches.

Another generation grows in faith under Womackâ€™s care

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Susan
Womack
cares for
the
children
of one-
time
children
she has
served
during
her 32-
year
tenure as
minister
of
preschool
education
at
Tallowood
Baptist
Church in
Houston.

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

HOUSTON—Six-year-old Zoe couldn't contain herself. She had made what she believed to be the most important decision of her life and had to tell someone.

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Cybercolumn By John Duncan: Dreams

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CYBER COLUMN: Dreams

By John Duncan

I'm sitting here under the old oak tree, pondering the dog days of summer. Recently, I heard of man who had a dog named Dreams. Family members uttered with a wry smile the dog's name and how much the man loved his dog. After all, a dog is a man's best friend, so it goes.

The whole thought of dreams left me wondering, was the man's dog named for dreams, you know, "dreams," the hopes, plans, visions and future wishes that with hard work or dumb luck or sheer charisma might come

true? Or was the man thinking of bleary-eyed video reels in the brain that awaken you in your sleep then cause you to smile or create restless, heart-pounding nights by scaring you out of your pajamas?

John Duncan

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

BEIRUT (ABP)—As United States Marines began evacuating Americans in earnest from a besieged Beirut late this week and U.S. Baptist groups reported their missionaries in the region safe, a Lebanese Baptist leader said his people's suffering would seem "quite saddening and depressing" if he weren't upheld by the power of prayer.

Nabil Costa, executive director of the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development, said Baptist communities in Beirut were relying on prayer to sustain them.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—The House of Representatives has passed a little-noticed bill attempting to make it easier for a controversial cross to remain on public land in San Diego.

On a vote of 349-74, the chamber approved a bill designed to transfer the land the Mount Soledad cross stands on from the city to the federal government.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—As expected, the House of Representatives July 18 defeated a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage—for the second time in as many election years and after the Senate had defeated the same proposal.

The proposal, H.J.Res. 88, died after a vote of 236-187 in its favor. Although a simple majority voted for it, the measure failed to muster the two-thirds majority a proposed constitutional amendment needs to pass each house of Congress.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—Angering civil libertarians and supporters of church-state separation, the House of Representatives voted July 19 to strip the federal courts of the ability to decide cases involving the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools.

The so-called "Pledge Protection Act" passed on a vote of 260-167. It echoed a similar bill the House passed by a similar margin in 2004—the last national election year.