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DALLAS—The Baptist General Convention of Texas is forming a committee to help select a director of Hispanic ministries.

The committee will help Chief Operating Officer/ Associate Executive Director Ron Gunter choose a permanent director of Hispanic ministries. Frank Palos serves as interim director.

The committee will consist of the three current officers of the Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas—President Alcides Guajardo, First Vice President Javier Elizondo and Second Vice President Roberto Rodriguez—plus the three officers who will be elected Hispanic Baptist Convention officers this month.

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## **Three vie for Hispanic Baptist**

# Convention presidentâ€™s post

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**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

A theology professor and two pastors will vie for the president’s post at this year’s Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas, June 25-27 in Arlington.

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## Churches impact world through ESL

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

English-as-a-Second-Language classes enable Texas Baptist churches to reach the world.

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Immigration reform that requires undocumented residents to learn English in order to become citizens could send a wave of people into church-sponsored English-as-a-Second- Language programs.

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# Texas Baptist Forum

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### Revelation of chaos

Regarding the Marriage Protection Amendment: Nature, theology, history, reason and common sense demonstrate marriage is between one man and one woman. Also, a myriad of scientific studies support the need of a child for both father and mother.

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## **Out ((Loud))**

*“Prayer is a foundation of our relationship to God. We don’t spend enough time listening to God because we do too much talking.”*

### **John Verciglio**

Pastor of Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church in Birmingham, Ala.  
(The Birmingham News/RNS)

*“If (Dan) Brown makes us worry about people falling away from Christianity, perhaps instead we should address the deeper systemic issues in our churches and homes that leave our children malnourished in their spiritual formation and ill-equipped to engage their world with the claims of Christianity.”*

### **Gary Long**

Pastor of Willow Meadows Baptist Church in Houston, critiquing some Christians’ fear that The Da Vinci Code would prevent people from placing their faith in Christ (Not a Sermon—Just a Thought weblog)

*“Quite frankly, I’m more interested in seeing our Hispanic friends afforded citizenship in heaven than I am seeing them become Americans. Having their souls redeemed by the red blood of Christ is more important than having their worker status confirmed by the green card of Uncle Sam.”*

### **Wiley Drake**

SBC gadfly and pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Buena Park, Calif. (BP)

The attempt to redefine marriage is an argument based on emotion that is contrary to truth and to a stable society. It is a selfish argument willing to deform the basic institution of civilization—marriage—in order to legitimize an immoral lifestyle—homosexuality. Those who love God and people must speak this truth in this love at this time.

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## **Mentor tells young offenders: ‘I’ve been there’**

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**By Laura Frase**

*Communications Intern*

DUNCANVILLE—When Carless Talton talks with young offenders in juvenile detention centers, they recognize she speaks with the authority of firsthand knowledge.

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# On the move

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- **Steve Aylor** to The Heights Church in Richardson as minister to students from Fellowship of The Woodlands, where he was associate youth pastor.
  - **Trent Blackley** to The Heights Church in Richardson as worship leader from First Church in Sunnyvale.
  - **Richard Covington** to The Heights Church in Richardson as college and community minister, where he had been minister to students.
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# Missionary benefits from recycled tech trash

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# trash

**By Mark Cook**

*Special to the Baptist Standard*

TAHOE CITY, Calif.—For home missionary Debbie Wohler, one person's trash is her treasure.

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## **Blogs draw attention to anticipated showdown at SBC**

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**By Hannah Elliott, Greg Warner & Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

GREENSBORO, N.C. (ABP) —Blogs already have revolutionized secular politics, and whether a subset of it has revolutionized Baptist politics will be seen at the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting June 13-14 in Greensboro, N.C.



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# Church seeks to reach mobile home park with the gospel

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## Church seeks to reach mobile home park with the gospel

**By Elizabeth Staples**

*Communications Intern*

DENTON—Shady Shores Baptist Church wants to change the world, and it's starting with the neighborhood around the church.

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# Photographer captures heart of African-American worship

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Marsha Jackson lifts her arms in praise at St. Paul Baptist Church in Capitol Heights, Md. This photo of Jackson, a member of the St. Paul Voices Choir, is one of 165 featured in Soul Sanctuary a new book of images of African-American congregational life. (RNS photos courtesy of Jason Miccolo Johnson)

## Photographer captures heart of African-American worship

**By Adelle Banks**

*Religion News Service*

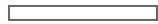
WASHINGTON (RNS)—Alarmed by the rash of church fires that struck the South a decade ago, photographer Jason Miccolo Johnson felt driven to help preserve the vibrancy and history of the nation's black churches.

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# Texas Tidbits

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**Baptist Health Foundation grants scholarships.** Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio has awarded \$125,470 in scholarship grants to Baptist Health System's School of Health Professions and Wayland Baptist University-San Antonio. The foundation's scholarship committee granted 57 scholarships totaling \$75,470 to 58 summer school students enrolled in the School of Health Professions' nursing and allied health educational programs. Earlier, the foundation approved \$50,000 to fund 10 nursing scholarships at Wayland's San Antonio campus next fall.

**Baylor center receives \$1.7 million Templeton grant.** The John M. Templeton Foundation has awarded \$1.7 million to Baylor University's Center for Religious Inquiry Across Disciplines to conduct an empirical study on spiritual beliefs and practices in China. The cornerstone of the study will be a nationwide survey, conducted by the Gallup Organization.