

# **TOGETHER: Center exists to serve Texas Baptists**

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The days of telephone switchboard operators sitting before a panel, moving wired plugs from one connection to another are long gone. In today's world, we push buttons and depend on computers to connect our calls.

In all the improvements that technology has brought to us, however, we can sometimes feel a loss for the human touch. How many times have each of us been frustrated as a computerized "voice" tells us to punch "1" for this service, "2" for another and so on, only to give up after several minutes of frustrating menu choices?

The Baptist General Convention of Texas is trying to make telephoning easier. We have created one toll-free number for Texas Baptists to use in accessing all our many services, and we have staffed a Service Center with real people to take your calls and help you get the information you need.





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# Chaplains benefit from new UMHB program

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Chaplains (left to right) Brian Mead, Paul Blundell, James Smith, David Santiago Cruz, Steve Richardson, Jerry Pitts and Joseph Vieira meet with Chris Ballard, associate professor of psychology and counseling at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

## **Chaplains benefit from new UMHB program**

**By Laura Frase**

*Communications Intern*

BELTON—A new Pentagon-ap-proved program implemented by a Texas Baptist university will have lasting effects on the military—nationally and

internationally.

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# **NAMB hands off Vancouver Focus**

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## **NAMB hands off Vancouver Focus**

**By Jennifer Davis Rash**

*Alabama Baptist*

VANCOUVER, B.C. (ABP)—American ministry strategies in a Canadian culture have proven to be an imperfect match, at least for the North American Mission Board's Strategic Focus Cities effort.

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## **Baptist delegation calls for**

# religious liberty in Vietnam

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Baptist  
leaders from  
around the  
world  
discuss  
religious  
freedom  
issues with  
Vietnamese  
officials.  
(Photo by  
Robert  
Dando/BWA)

## Baptist delegation calls for religious liberty in Vietnam

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

Texas Baptists recently joined a Baptist World Alliance delegation to discuss religious freedom issues with the Vietnamese government.

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# Wayland Pioneer Band's Russia trip beyond imagination

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Wayland  
Baptist  
University  
band  
students  
wait for a  
tour of  
the WWII  
war  
memorial  
in  
Moscow.  
(Photos  
by Hayley  
Cox)

## Wayland Pioneer Band's Russia trip beyond imagination

**By Jonathan Petty**

*Wayland Baptist University*

MOSCOW—Wayland Baptist University's Pioneer Band recently traveled to Russia, performing indoor and outdoor concerts in conjunction with the country's Victory Day celebrations.

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## **Editor emeritus named Elder Statesman**

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Baptist  
Standard  
Editor  
Emeritus  
Presnall  
Wood (left)  
receives the  
2006 Texas  
Baptist Elder  
Statesman  
Award from  
Bill Pitts,  
president of  
Independence  
Association.

# Editor emeritus named Elder Statesman

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

INDEPENDENCE—Praised as a prophetic writer who remained “firm in his beliefs but fair to those who disagreed with him,” *Baptist Standard* Editor Emeritus Presnall Wood received the 2006 Texas Baptist Elder Statesman Award June 4.

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# **Judge rules Christian rehab program violates constitution**

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## **Judge rules Christian rehab program violates constitution**

**By Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

DES MOINES, Iowa (ABP)—In what could be a major setback for government's ability to fund religious charities, a federal judge has ruled against an Iowa program designed to rehabilitate prisoners through Christianity.

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# Cybercolumn by Berry Simpson: Sleep

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## CYBER COLUMN: Sleep

**By Berry Simpson**

I'll just go ahead and say this up front: I have a mixed relationship with sleep. Sometimes I love it; other times I hate it.

Take afternoon naps, for example. I like to take naps. In fact, I would say that I need naps in my life in order to recharge myself. If I miss my Sunday-afternoon nap, it will haunt me for days. I may get more done that particular Sunday afternoon, but I'll be operating at half-effort the rest of the week.

Berry D. Simpson
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## RIGHT OR WRONG? Making a

# living will

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## RIGHT OR WRONG?

### Making a living will

**“I have some serious surgery scheduled, and I have been advised to prepare a will, sign a statement of advanced directives and designate someone with medical power of attorney. What, specifically, are the latter two items and their benefits?”**

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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.

The meeting will feature the first seriously contested SBC presidential election in a decade and several other controversial business items. The combination likely will produce the most contentious convention meeting since 1991, when moderates left after a long and bitter struggle with fundamentalists over control of the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

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## **Born Again Grillers fire up meat, ministry**

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# **Born Again Grillers fire up meat, ministry**

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

GATESVILLE—Some people say, “The way to a man’s heart is through his stomach.” David Braziel believes that adage holds true not just in romance, but also in spiritual matters.

Braziel and a team of 15 other volunteers from Coryell Community Church in Gatesville stand ready to feed all they can. The Born Again Grillers, as the ministry is called, have cooked at civic events such as a recent American Heart Association walk, golf tournaments, birthday parties and anniversaries.