

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.

NAMB hands off Vancouver Focus

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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

RIGHT OR WRONG? Making a

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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?”

Blogs draw attention to anticipated showdown at SBC

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Blogs draw attention to anticipated showdown at SBC

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.

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 is 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.