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- Romans 12:1-8

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Our church recognizes the need for a counseling ministry in our community. What kinds of legal liabilities should we be concerned about?

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By **Ken Camp**

Managing Editor

For observers who always suspected that if cut, Baylor University alumni would bleed green and gold, now there's empirical data to prove it's figuratively true.

A new national survey by the Center for Survey Research & Analysis at the University of Connecticut reveals 80 percent of Baylor alumni are "very proud" to be graduates of their alma mater, and 79 percent report a special bond to Baylor.

Old Main on the Baylor campus.
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More than 1,500 messengers were registered at the Baptist General Convention annual meeting by 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 29, two hours before the opening session.

This afternoon, messengers will vote on the 2008 Cooperative Program budget and elect a new president. Announced nominees are Joy Fenner—a former missionary to Japan, executive director emeritus of Woman's Missionary Union of Texas and the endorsed candidate of Texas Baptists Committed—or David Lowrie—a West Texas pastor whose backers have called for an "open election" and who have expressed discontent with recent actions by BGCT leaders.

Fenner would be the first woman BGCT president. Lowrie would be the first second-generation BGCT president and the first nominee in the last two decades not endorsed by the moderate Texas Baptists Committed political organization. Lowrie was endorsed by several Baptist bloggers.

Check back throughout the day for updated news from Amarillo.

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AMARILLO—Messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting narrowly elected the first woman president of the state convention—and continued a two-decade string of officers endorsed by the moderate Texas Baptists Committed organization.

Mike Massar

Fenner, a former missionary to Japan, executive director emeritus of Woman's Missionary Union of Texas and incumbent BGCT first vice president, was elected over Panhandle pastor David Lowrie. Fenner received 900 votes (52 percent), compared to 840 (48 percent) for Lowrie.

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‘No confidence’ in Executive Board motion introduced

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AMARILLO—A motion expressing “no confidence” in the directors of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, as well as a competing motion objecting to it, were introduced during the Monday afternoon session at the BGCT annual meeting.

Michael Chancellor, pastor of Crescent Heights Baptist Church in Abilene, introduced the no-confidence motion, and Dan Malone from First Baptist Church in El Paso introduced the motion of objection.

Tyler pastor elected first vice president

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By Blake Killingsworth

Dallas Baptist University

AMARILLO—Messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas elected Mike Massar, pastor of First Baptist Church in Tyler, as first vice president.

Mike Massar

Massar received 967 votes, compared to 257 for Lee Saunders, minister of church development at Garden Oaks Baptist Church in Houston.

RIGHT or WRONG? Need for forgiveness

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RIGHT or WRONG? Need for forgiveness

We recently discussed forgiveness in Sunday school. When we talked about seeking God's forgiveness, a longtime member said he never sinned, so there was little application to him. How can we helpfully address this matter?

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In spite of budget reductions and cutbacks in the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board staff, the scheduled Texas Baptist All-State Choir and Band's Mission: Germany trip next summer will proceed as planned, organizers have announced.

The Texas Baptist All-State musicians had been invited to participate in the Baptist World Youth Congress in Leipzig, Germany, and perform at several venues in Berlin and Wittenberg.

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to help lower
the cost of the
trip may be
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directly to the
BGCT Music
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Team at the
same address.

Around the State

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Members of the staff and the building committee at First Church in Sanger dedicated a \$1.7 million multi-purpose family life center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The 21,000-square-foot building includes a full-service kitchen and can be used as a gym and as education space. E.L. McNeal is the pastor.

Around the State

- **East Texas Baptist University** has received a gift from retired educator and businessman J. Lloyd Woods to provide lighting for the ETBU Tiger baseball stadium. Woods, of Tenaha, is an honorary lifetime member of the university's board of trustees. The Tigers' first night baseball game will be held Feb. 8.
- **Baylor Research Institute in Dallas** is collaborating with Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City to provide a shot of hope for lymphoma and myeloma patients. The medical organizations are attempting

to develop vaccines for the cancers, which affect the immune system. They're also studying better ways to diagnose other autoimmune disorders, such as arthritis and lupus.

- **Don and Paula Cribbs**, missionaries to Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi, are on furlough at First Church in Cleburne. They can be reached at (817) 641-5264 or at don@gmail.com.



First graders in the Music Makers Choir at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas receive their own copies of the Baptist Hymnal. Presenting the hymnals are Music Associate Sarah Stafford and Music Minister Doug Haney. Children shown are Tanner Cabaniss, Brooke Bateman, Tristan Vathis, Hannah Granberry, Jace Dooley, Remy Covert, Allison Dalton, Cullen Bryant, Anna Fogg, Isabella Fogg, Riley Covert, Austin Nadalini, Blake Brown and Daniel Mirochna. The choir is directed by Janice and Bill Jernberg.

- **Nicole Bromley**, founder of OneVOICE and author of *Hush: Moving from*

Silence to Healing after Childhood Sexual Abuse, will speak Nov. 7 at First Baptist Church in Brownwood as part of Howard Payne University's chapel program.

Seven young Baylor alumni to be honored at homecoming

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The president of a Texas Baptist facility for the aging is one of seven Baylor University graduates who will be honored as 2007 Outstanding Young Alumni during Baylor's annual homecoming celebration.

The Baylor Alumni Association will present the awards Nov. 2 during the first performance at Pigskin Review. The awards recognize professional achievement and distinguished service by Baylor alumni 40 years old or younger.

	
Pat Crump	Marie Brown

Pat Crump, a 1991 Baylor graduate, has served as president of Baptist Memorials Ministries in San Angelo since 2004. After earning a master's degree in gerontology from Baylor in 1993, he worked one year with a nursing center in Albuquerque, N.M., before moving to the newly opened Baptist Memorials Center in San Angelo.

He served for 10 years as president of healthcare services, overseeing the operation of a long-term care facility, an Alzheimer's facility, a pharmacy and a home health agency.