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By George Henson

Staff Writer

ORANGE—The parsonage of Old First Orange Baptist Church burned last weekend, destroying the home and its contents, but no one was hurt in the blaze.

Harris, who has been pastor of the church 12 years, said the fire appeared to start in the utility room, but an official cause has not been determined.

Bible Studies for Life Series for Sept. 9: Feeling anxious about the future

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Feeling anxious about the future

- Daniel 2

[By Steve Dominy](#)

Explore the Bible Series for September 9: God’s sinless son

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Explore the Bible Series for September 9

God’s sinless son

- Matthew 3:1-4:16

[By Travis Frampton](#)

Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene

“A voice of one calling: ‘In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God’” (Isaiah 40:3). Matthew,

Mark and Luke each use this well-known verse to introduce John the Baptist and the story of the baptism of Jesus. In order to understand the significance of this verse for Jesus' baptism and the beginning of his ministry, the words of the voice crying out in Isaiah should receive close attention.

Activists urged to focus on future, not fundamentalism

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

DALLAS—God has blessed Texas and kept its Baptist state convention free from fundamentalist control largely through the efforts of Texas Baptists Committed, but conditions have changed, *Baptist Standard* Editor Marv Knox told an assembly of the moderate Baptist group in Dallas.

While fundamentalism could rise again, it no longer presents “the preeminent threat” to the Baptist General Convention of Texas, he stressed.

Hardin-Simmons pulls out of magazine's ranking race

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

ABILENE—[Hardin-Simmons University](#) has announced it no longer will participate in surveys conducted by [U.S. News & World Report](#) for its annual list of "America's best colleges"—even though it has advanced in the rankings and been named a tier-one school in its division five consecutive years.

The Abilene university joined more than 60 schools nationwide that have disengaged from the magazine's ranking race.

Wayland athletes share basketball tips, gospel message in Europe

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Wayland
Baptist
University
Pioneers
basketball
player
Michal
Polanowski
is
interviewed
by members
of the
media in his
home town
of Konin,
Poland.
Polanowski
and
members of
the
Pioneers
traveled to
Europe this
summer to
work with
Athletes in
Action.
(Photos
courtesy of
Wayland
Baptist
University)

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By Jonathan Petty

Wayland Baptist University

VILNIUS, Lithuania—Wayland Baptist University’s Pioneers basketball team took time out this summer to spread the gospel—and teach basketball skills—to young people in Lithuania and Poland.

Five Pioneers team members—Danny Storey, Michal Polanowski, Zach TeGrotenhuis, Lee Berend and Jason Griffin—joined Head Coach Robert Davenport and Assistant Coach Quinn Wooldridge in leading a weeklong basketball camp in Vilnius, Lithuania.



Wayland Baptist University Pioneer Danny Storey of Canyon talks with a group of young men during a basketball camp in Vilnius, Lithuania. Storey and the Pioneers led a weeklong camp in conjunction with Athletes in Action.

Texas Baptist Men offer relief to Erin victims

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Texas Baptist Men dispatched two clean-out teams, a shower unit and recovery group to two West Texas towns flooded by the remnants of Tropical Storm Erin. Clean-out teams from Amarillo and Lubbock, a recovery team from Waxahachie and a shower unit from O'Donnell headed to Merkel and Hamlin.

Irving church becomes missions learning lab for students

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Irving church becomes missions learning lab for students

By Leann Callaway

Special to the Baptist Standard

IRVING—Oak View Baptist Church in Irving became a learning lab for seven student missionaries this summer.

Five of the workers served two weeks at Oak View before departing for assignments in the Middle East and Canada through the Baptist General Convention of Texas Go Now Missions program.



Student missionaries
Melanie Vasquez from Wayland Baptist University, Maria Spellings from East Texas Baptist University and Laura Garcia from Kingwood College are pictured with children at a Kid's Club. (Photos courtesy of Oak View Baptist Church)

Discipline-specific missions help Baylor students apply learning to life

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Kelsey Simons, a Baylor University nursing student, helps provide a basic medical exam during a mission trip to Mexico. (Photos courtesy of Baylor University)

Discipline-specific missions help Baylor students apply learning to life

By **Ashley Lintelman**

Baylor University

About 125 Baylor University students joined faculty and staff in missions projects to meet needs in Armenia, Honduras, Kenya and Mexico.

Coordinated by University Missions, Baylor's Louise Herrington School of Nursing and Baptist Student Ministries, each trip offered students hands-on learning and mission opportunities.



A Kenyan student draws a picture of his "Teacher Tiffani."

Summer missions moves UMHB students out of "comfort zones"

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Kristin Bauer, a junior early childhood major from San Antonio, learned about fellowship and made some new friends within the church in Wolfenbittel, Germany, while she ministered among youth in that city. (Photos by Kristin Bauer/UMHB)

Summer missions moves UMHB students out of ‘comfort zones’

By Jennifer Sicking

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

BELTON—Summer Caniglia heard stories about missionaries who spent years in Japan and never saw anyone come to faith in Christ. So, she was warned not to expect to see great results during her summer missions internship in Tokyo.

“In Japan, I had expectations that it would be hard—that there would not be any fruit,” she said.



ETBU students, alum teach summer classes in India

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Meagan
Marshall and
Sheryl
Breedon
share a story
with
students.
Marshall, a
graduate of
East Texas
Baptist
University,
and Breedon,
scheduled to
graduate
from ETBU
in December,
spent a
month
teaching at
Adarsh
Vidalaya
Matriculation
School in
Kaydam,
Tamil Nadu,
India.
(Photos
courtesy of
ETBU)

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By Jeanie Pinkston

East Texas Baptist University

Some teachers jokingly say the three best things about their profession are June, July and August. An education student from East Texas Baptist University and two ETBU alumni agree with the punch line—but not for the usual reason.

Student Sheryl Breeden and 2006 graduates Megan Marshall and Ashley Causey spent their summer vacation teaching underprivileged children in southern India.

The death of a Lubbock church sparks new life

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The death of a Lubbock church sparks new life

By Jessica Dooley

Communications Intern

LUBBOCK—As deacons carried a casket out the sanctuary doors, worshippers marked the death of Trinity Baptist Church in Lubbock and the birth of The Family Church @ 34th and Boston.

When Pastor Dan Reynolds arrived at Trinity Baptist Church in June, he and the congregation agreed to start a new church in the declining church's facilities.

Pallbearers
carry away
a casket
bearing
the bylaws
for Trinity
Baptist
Church in
Lubbock at
a service
marking
the demise
of that
church and
the birth of
The Family
Church @
34th and
Boston.