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By John Hall

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DALLAS—Randel Everett believes everyone needs hope: Hope they can find their next meal. Hope they can overcome the deep pain they are confronting. Hope they can fill the void that resides within them.

Christ is the only true hope that can meet those needs, he said. The sooner people have that hope, the better.

For more information,
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www.texashope2010.com/.

Texas WMU committee terminates interim executive director

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Managing Editor

The executive committee of the Woman's Missionary Union of Texas board dismissed Nina Pinkston of Fort Worth as interim executive director May 8 and named newly elected President Paula Jeser of El Paso to fill the interim post on a volunteer basis.

"It was not an easy decision. It was not a decision made in a matter of minutes," Jeser said. "There was lengthy discussion. The executive committee recognized the repercussions."

ETBU President Riley announces retirement plans

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MARSHALL—Bob Riley has announced plans to retire in July 2009 as president of [East Texas Baptist University](#).

Riley announced his retirement plans during the May 9 meeting of the ETBU trustee board. At his retirement, he will have served 16 years.

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“Although this presidency has been a wonderful experience, Gayle and I believe that it is time for a new vision and leadership for ETBU,” said Riley, whose term as president is the second longest in the 96-year history of the school.

“God has blessed our university immeasurably over the years with outstanding men and women to serve as faculty, staff, and trustees at this very special place.”

RIGHT or WRONG? Prudence vs Passion

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RIGHT or WRONG? Prudence vs Passion

I've been told I just need the courage to act on my principles. My response is that sometimes prudence should be the driving force for doing the ethical thing. How can we balance these virtues?

Ethics and evangelism focus of inaugural lecture at Howard Payne

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Jimmy Allen (2nd from left), David Sapp (2nd from right) and Richard Jackson (right) delivered the inaugural Currie-Strickland Distinguished Lectures in Christian Ethics at Howard Payne University. Gary Elliston (center, back) endowed the lectures in honor of David Currie (left) and in memory of Phil Strickland, whose widow, Carolyn, attended the event.

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BROWNWOOD—Evangelism and ethics both grow out of a vibrant relationship with the God who is love, speakers told participants at the inaugural Currie-Strickland Distinguished Lectures in Christian Ethics at Howard Payne University.

People cannot fully come to know God apart from the Bible, but they cannot really know the Bible apart from God, said David Sapp, pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga.

Bible Studies for Life Series for May 18: Be trustworthy

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Be trustworthy

• 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:4-7; 20:10-13, 16-17

[By Gary Long](#)

BaptistWay Bible Series for May 18: The only hope

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The only hope

- 2 Kings 22:1-23:4

[By Kenneth Jordan](#)

Around the State

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Around the State

- **Hardin-Simmons University's** [Logsdon School of Theology](#) has named its outstanding students. Kimberly Williams of Comanche received the Logsdon School of Theology Award, traditionally considered by the faculty to be the school's highest award for comprehensive achievement and all-around fitness for ministry. Also honored with scholarships were Robyn Holtmeyer, Emma Ellis, Jacob Snowden, Krista Toten, Caleb

Groteluchen, Kara Donaldson, Alyson Morton, Will Ricketts, Megan Dick, Erin James, Matt McGowen, Megan Donohue, Brendan Kelso, David Tankersley, Charles Glidewell, Emily Burrows and Michelle Moore-Mitchell.

- **Julie Welker**, associate professor of communication at [Howard Payne University](#), has been named the recipient of the Travis G. Jones Memorial Outstanding Coach Award by the National Christian College Forensics Association. Welker has coached HPU's forensic speech team since it began competing two years ago.

- [East Texas Baptist University](#) has honored several of its students for academic excellence. Lee Ann Melton of Frisco received the Robert L. Hunt Accounting Award and the Florence Wood Quinn Achievement Award for the highest grade point average among business students. Denise Tomme of Diana was named the outstanding business student. Zane Gruzina from Latvia received the Edwin F. Moore Award for excellence in economics. Craig Cohen of Carrollton received the Dr. Harm Harms Award, presented to a student who excels in any area of business study. Emily Foster of Mount Pleasant received the Earl Thames Award, given to the student who best exhibits outstanding Christian character. Rebecca Rinehart of Orange received the Chase Bank Award, presented to the student voted by the business school faculty most likely to succeed. Matthew Huffman of Ennis received the Outstanding Management Information Systems Student award.

- [Dallas Baptist University](#) has named Bob Burgin faculty member of the year. Burgin has taught in the college of education since 1999, serving as associate dean of the college, as well as assistant professor of education and director of the secondary education department.

Book Reviews

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[Questions To All Your Answers: The Journey From Folk Religion to Examined Faith](#) by **Roger Olson (Zondervan)**

Too many Christians live, breathe and have their being in a world of simplistic slogans, worn-out clichés and bumper-sticker theology. But in one of his latest books, Truett Seminary professor Roger Olson is out to change that.

Believing many evangelical Christians have succumbed to the sloppy thinking of “folk religion,” Olson challenges his fellow believers to heed the guidance of the Apostle Paul, who praised the Bereans for examining his own message through the lens of Scripture.

In 10 chapters, Olson raises questions about 10 popular answers—simplistic sayings that ring true to many people. These supposed answers often resist scrutiny and cut off further thought on the subject.



What are you reading that other Texas Baptists would find helpful? Send suggestions and reviews to books@baptiststandard.com.

Russell joins Standard staff as marketing director

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Brad Russell, vice president for university relations at Baptist University of the Americas, has joined the *Baptist Standard* staff as marketing director.

Russell, 44, will maintain the overall advertising program and develop a marketing strategy for the Standard, including promoting new resource content, products and services that will become available through the Standard's growing online edition.

Baptist Briefs

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Texas Baptist volunteers honored for Scout activity. The [Association of Baptists for Scouting](#) awarded the Silver Good Shepherd Cross and Staff to three Texas Baptists—James and Dorothy Gebhart of Mission, members of Trinity Baptist Church in McAllen; and Inez Eggers, former administrative assistant at Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving. The award denotes a minimum 50 years service to children, youth and families through churches and Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Explorer or Venturing units.

Baptists launch ministry for Caribbean immigrants. A group of Baptist ministers has launched a fellowship to minister to former residents of the Caribbean now living in English-speaking countries. According to the [Baptist World Alliance](#), the fellowship has been discussed since at least 1993. Delroy Reid-Salmon, pastor of Grace Baptist Chapel in the Bronx, is president of the new Caribbean Diaspora Baptist Clergy Association.

Cartoon

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