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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

DALLAS—Hailed as a man of integrity, a loving pastor and devoted husband and father, friends gathered to honor Charles Wade at a retirement dinner held prior to the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board meeting.

Wade retired Jan. 31 after eight years as BGCT executive director. Throughout the evening, speakers gently giped Wade for his tendency to speak beyond allotted limits, praised him for his commitment to making the BGCT more reflective of Texas ethnically and racially, and lovingly recalled instances that illustrated his pastoral care for people.

Baptist
General
Convention
of Texas
Executive
Board
Chairman
John Petty
makes a
presentation
to Rosemary
and Charles
Wade. Wade
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director.
(Photo/John
Hall/BGCT)

Congress considers workplace freedom bill again

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By Greg Trotter

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Congress again is considering a bill to protect religious expression in the workplace, but the bill—bandied about for a decade or more—continues to draw steep opposition from business interests.

The [Workplace Religious Freedom Act](#) would require employers to be more accommodating of employees who wish to wear religious headgear, for example, or take time off for holy day observances.

Buckner to resume mission trips to Kenya

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By Analiz González

Buckner International

NAIROBI, Kenya—The signing of peace agreement in Kenya—and reports of stabilization throughout the area—led Buckner International to announce it will resume sending volunteer mission groups to Kenya in the summer.

“This is a result of our U.S. missions staff listening closely to our staff in Kenya,” Buckner President Ken Hall said. “It’s an answer to prayer that Kenyans have recognized the need for peace and that our teams will be able to be the hands of Christ to a country that needs healing.”

RIGHT or WRONG? True religion

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Our pastor has just preached a sermon in which he said the Epistle of James says true religion is characterized by how we treat orphans and widows. We have neither in our small community. So, how do we express true religion?

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DALLAS—Commitment to a “kingdom assignment”—ensuring every person in Texas has the opportunity to respond to Christ by Easter 2010—can help unite Texas Baptists, [Randel Everett](#) told the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board just prior to his election as executive director.

The board voted 78-6 to elect Everett, pastor of First Baptist Church in Newport News, Va., as executive director at a Feb. 26 meeting in Dallas. He succeeds Charles Wade, who retired Jan. 31. Jan Daehnert is serving as interim executive director until Everett assumes the executive’s post in April.

• [Watch
Randel
Everett's
message
on this
video
clip.](#)

Chairman Ken Huggins of Huntsville noted the executive director search committee “came to unanimity” in recommending Everett after seeking God’s direction and listening to Texas Baptists.

Bible Studies for Life Series for March 9: Hey yous guysâ€”or, faith in the second person plural

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Bible Studies for Life Series for March 9

Hey yous guys-or, faith in

the second person plural

- 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

[By Gary Long](#)

Explore the Bible Series for March 9: Learning about God's faithfulness

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Explore the Bible Series for March 9

Learning about God's faithfulness

- Genesis 29:16-27; 31:1-3, 38-42

[By Donald Raney](#)

First Baptist Church, Petersburg

How many times have you heard someone ask, "Where was God when that happened?" Perhaps if you really were honest, you would have to admit you have asked the question. The Bible is full of God's promises to bless and protect his followers, but the difficulties and tragedies of life can lead even

the most mature believer to moments of doubt and questioning those promises.

Bible Studies for Life Series for March 2: Did You Take Your Smart Pill Today?

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Bible Studies for Life Series for March 2

Did You Take Your Smart Pill Today?

• 2 Timothy 3.16-17

[By Gary Long](#)

Meet Our Bible Study Lesson

Writers

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Meet Our Bible Study Lesson Writers

Gary Long, writer of the Bible Studies for Life series, is a “husband to one wife, father to three children, and pastor to a whole herd at Willow Meadows Baptist Church in Houston.”

Kenneth Jordan, author of the BaptistWay lessons, is pastor of First Baptist Church in Alpine, Texas.

Don Raney, author of the Explore the Bible lessons, is pastor of First Baptist Church in Petersburg. He holds a doctorate in Old Testament from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Baptist churches, in Texas, the BGCT, the nation and around the world.

Pastor-politician points to

Muslims as source of Kenyan violence; experts disagree

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Government buses pull into a camp sheltering some 1,000 displaced Kenyans. The people waited two days for buses to transport them to safety in their ancestral homelands.

Unrest continues in Kenya since a disputed election in December, and a Baptist minister-politician who witnessed the events there believes much of the violence was orchestrated by religious extremists. (BP Photo)

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By Ken Camp

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DALLAS—Religious extremism prompted much of the violence surrounding Kenya's disputed presidential elections, according to a Kenyan expatriate and Baptist pastor who lost a bid for a seat in parliament. But international experts with contacts in the region point to ethnic and political divisions—not religion—as precipitating the bloodshed.

International media reported widespread violence erupted throughout Kenya's rural areas after the nation's electoral commission declared incumbent President Mwai Kibaki defeated challenger Raila Odinga, and Odinga's supporters claimed the voting was rigged.



Solomon Kimuyu

Gloer named to Garland Chair of Preaching at Truett Seminary

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WACO—Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary paid tribute to two faculty members simultaneously when Hulitt Gloer was installed as inaugural holder of the school's David E. Garland Chair of Preaching—an endowed post named in honor of the seminary's dean.

Garland joined the Truett faculty in 1997 after more than 20 years at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Garland, a New Testament scholar, serves as the William M. Hinson Professor of Scriptures and was named dean last year.

Baylor
University
Provost
Randall
O'Brien (left)
presents a
plaque to
Hulitt Gloer
during a
service in
which Gloer
was installed
as the
inaugural
holder of the
David E.
Garland Chair
of Preaching
at Truett
Theological
Seminary.
(PHOTO/Matt
Minard/Baylor
University)

Panhandle speakers encourage personal evangelism, trust in God's provision

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Officers for 2009
for the Panhandle-
Plains Pastors' and
Laymen's
Conference hosted
by Wayland Baptist
University include
(left to right)

Charles Bassett,
secretary/treasurer,
WBU

representative and
layman from First

Baptist Church,
Weatherford; Alan
Wilson, first vice
president, pastor of

First Baptist
Church in White
Deer; Robert
Storrs, president
elect, pastor of

Cornerstone Baptist
Church in Lubbock;
and Steve Martin,
president, pastor of

Parkview Baptist
Church in
Plainview. (Photos

by Steve
Long/Wayland
Baptist University)

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By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW—Obedience to God requires seeing people as God sees them, as well as trusting him to provide for needs. That was the advice two keynote speakers offered the 87th annual Panhandle-Plains Pastors' and Laymen's Conference at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Supported by eight area Baptist associations, the conference featured Bible study by Wayland religion professors and special messages by Calvin Miller, Christian author and professor at the Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.



Sandy Maddox urges Baptists to see past the masses to individuals who need Jesus.