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The two announced nominees for president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas answered questions posed by the Baptist Standard.

Joy Fenner, executive director emeritus of Woman's Missionary Union of Texas, and David Lowrie, pastor of First Baptist Church in Canyon, responded by e-mail to a list of questions submitted by the Standard.

	
Joy Fenner	David Lowrie

Fenner, a former missionary to Japan, was elected first vice president of the BGCT last year. She has been endorsed by leaders of Texas Baptists Committed, a political group created to protect the BGCT from the fundamentalist movement that gained control of the Southern Baptist

Convention in the 1980s and early 1990s.

Steve Wells, pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston, will nominate Fenner, who led Texas WMU from 1981 to 2001.

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Christians call themselves New Testament people. I hear so many moral arguments based on the Old Testament, though. Is there any way a layperson can find some kind of consistency here? I want to be biblical in my thinking and doing.

DBU president hospitalized for leukemia

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DBU president hospitalized with acute form of leukemia

Dallas Baptist University President Gary Cook was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia during his annual physical Oct. 12 and immediately was hospitalized.

“AML is a form of leukemia which is very aggressive, and once someone is discovered with this disease, they are required to begin treatment immediately,” according to a statement posted on the DBU website.

Gary
Cook

“Unlike other forms of cancer, AML does not necessarily have stages associated with it, and it is still very early in the process to know what the overall diagnosis is. ... Early test results seem to indicate that the particular form of AML that he has will respond well with treatment. Also, since Dr. Cook has remained in such good shape over the years, we are very optimistic about his treatment and recovery.”

Cook, 57, received a platelet transfusion Oct. 13 and began his first round of chemo-therapy the next day. He had a second chemotherapy treatment Oct. 16, and he was placed on oxygen. A third round of chemo-therapy was

scheduled Oct. 18.

Gunter resigns as BGCT chief operating officer

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

Ron Gunter, chief operating officer for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the person most responsible for implementing the Executive Board staff reorganization over the last two years, has resigned, effective Nov. 30.

Gunter—a former foreign missionary—joined the BGCT Executive Board staff in 2002 as regional associate in the Houston area. In 2005, the associate executive director's position was expanded to become chief operating officer, and Gunter was [tapped for the position](#).

Ron Gunter

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Centered on Christ

- Matthew 16:13-28

By Travis Frampton

Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene

In Matthew 16:13-28, Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” Their responses ranged from John the Baptist, to Elijah, to Jeremiah, to one of the prophets. But Jesus probed deeper: “Who do you say that I am?” Peter boldly answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” As we’ll see, Peter had the right answer, but the wrong understanding.

Carolyn Porterfield resigns as Texas WMU chief

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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—Carolyn Porterfield announced her resignation as executive director-treasurer of the [Woman's Missionary Union of Texas](#) in an Oct. 16 letter to the organization's board of directors.

"I have come to realize that the skill sets required for the position that I now hold do not match well with my gifts and abilities," Porterfield said in the letter. "It is time for me to step aside in order for the next leader to come who can most effectively lead this wonderful organization into her future."

Carolyn
Porterfield

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Explore the Bible Series for October 21

Practice genuine purity

- Matthew 15:1-20

By Travis Frampton

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The way we read the Bible affects the way we treat other people. Needless to say, interpretation of Scripture is an extremely important matter.

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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (ABP)—Architect Larry Cook believes “any building completely devoid of art is devoid of spirituality.”

The Virginian is one of a growing number of architects who welcome the return of symbolism and spirituality to church buildings. After decades of sparse modernist buildings and symbol-less megachurches, many Christians and congregations are craving a return to more overt spirituality and symbolism in their houses of worship, according to some theologians and artists.

Stained-glass windows tell stories of faith

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Stained-glass windows tell stories of faith

By George Henson

Staff Writer

FORT WORTH—If every picture tells a story, the stained-glass windows of Broadway Baptist Church tell countless tales of grace, sacrifice and love.

Stained-glass windows hearken back to a time when many worshippers could not read the Bible, but they could look at ornate windows that told the story for them. They knew what the symbols meant and knew what various numbers and colors were to call to mind.



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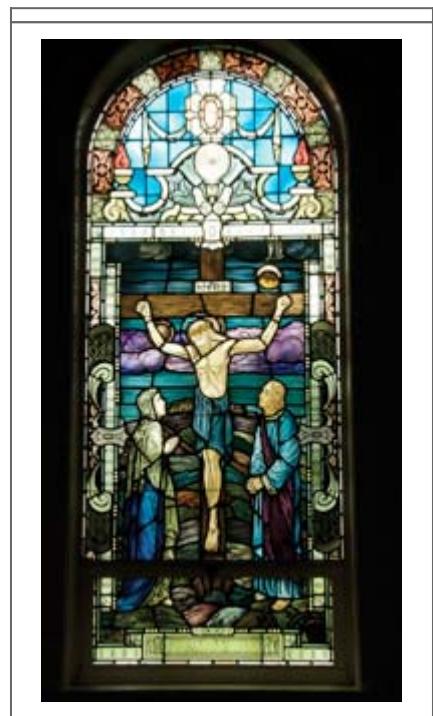
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Timeless grace: After 52 years, chapel continues to bless

By **Miranda Bradley**

Children At Heart Ministries

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Stained glass windows in the Texas Baptist Children's Home chapel depict the life of Christ and show biblical characters raised by people other than their biological parents.

Chapel at Texas Baptist Children's Home as an enduring landmark.