

RIGHT or WRONG? Strings attached

October 12, 2007

Posted: 10/12/07

RIGHT or WRONG? Strings attached

A well-to-do couple in our church has offered to buy our softball team's church-league equipment and uniforms if the church will elect the husband as a deacon and name him chairman. If this request is as haywire as I think it is, how can we respond as a church?

BGCT Executive Board OKs reduced budget, staff reduction

October 12, 2007

Posted: 9/26/07

BGCT Executive Board OKs reduced budget, staff reduction

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

DALLAS—After extensive debate, the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board voted 52-28 to approve a \$50.1 million budget recommendation—a move that eliminates 25 to 30 Baptist Building staff positions.

The board will recommend to the BGCT annual meeting in Oct. 29-30 in Amarillo a \$50,126,356 total budget for 2008—a \$473,644 reduction from the 2007 budget. It includes \$43,326,356 from the Cooperative Program budget and an anticipated \$6.8 million from investment earnings and other sources.

BGCT launches internal audit regarding more alleged improprieties in the Valley

October 12, 2007

Posted: 9/27/07

BGCT launches internal audit regarding more alleged improprieties in the Valley

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

For the second time in less than a year, the Baptist General Convention of Texas is looking into alleged misuse of church-starting funds in the Rio Grande Valley.

BGCT Executive Director Charles Wade reported to the Executive Board Sept. 25 that an internal auditor will examine questions raised regarding \$26,550 in church-starting funds the BGCT provided to First Baptist Church of Weslaco. The BGCT Missions Funding Committee had approved \$21,000 for the church in 2005 and 2006.

BGCT employees notified about layoffs

October 12, 2007

Posted: 10/04/07

Update: BGCT eliminates 29 staff positions by end of October

By **Ken Camp**

Managing Editor

DALLAS—Twenty-nine Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board employees—almost 10 percent of the workforce—received notice Oct. 1-2 that their positions are being eliminated effective Oct. 31.

Of the 29 affected employees, 12 are program staff and 17 are in support and clerical roles.

See Related

Article:

• [BGCT](#)

[Executive Board](#)

[OKs reduced](#)

[budget, staff](#)

[reduction](#)

BaptistWay Bible Series for October 14: Itâ€™s a new way of

life

October 12, 2007

Posted: 10/05/07

BaptistWay Bible Series for October 14

It's a new way of life

- Romans 6:1-19

[By Andrew Daugherty](#)

Bible Studies for Life Series for October 14: High-impact believers

October 12, 2007

Posted: 10/05/07

Bible Studies for Life Series for October 14

High-impact believers

- Matthew 5:13-20

[By Steve Dominy](#)

Explore the Bible Series for October 14: Be patient with others

October 12, 2007

Posted:10/05/07

[Explore the Bible Series for October 14](#)

Be patient with others

- Matthew 13:1-53

[By Travis Frampton](#)

Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene

Our family recently moved into a new home out in the country. We have almost completely settled into our new address. Most of the moving boxes have been unpacked, several of our favorite pictures are hung and window treatments are on the way.

California church leaders question IRS investigation into war sermon

October 12, 2007

Posted: 10/05/07

California church leaders question IRS investigation into war sermon

By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

PASADENA, Calif. (ABP)—The Internal Revenue Service has informed a California church it will not be sanctioned for an anti-war sermon preached there in 2004, but church leaders are asking for an apology for an investigation they believe may have been politically motivated.

Edwin Bacon, rector of [All Saints Episcopal Church](#) in Pasadena, Calif., informed parishioners of the IRS decision during worship services Sept. 23. The church had [been under investigation](#) for potential fines or revocation of its tax-exempt status since 2005.

Maciel inaugurated as BUA president; pledges commitment to servant leadership

October 12, 2007

Posted: 10/05/07



President
René Maciel
smiles
during the
closing
recessional
of his
presidential
inauguration
at Baptist
University of
the
Américas.
Maciel is
followed by
Board Chair
Phyllis
Nichols, and
(left to right
in next row)
Hulitt Gloer,
Paul Powell,
Charles
Wade, Nelda
Taylor and
Baldemar
Borrego.
(Photos
courtesy of
BUA)

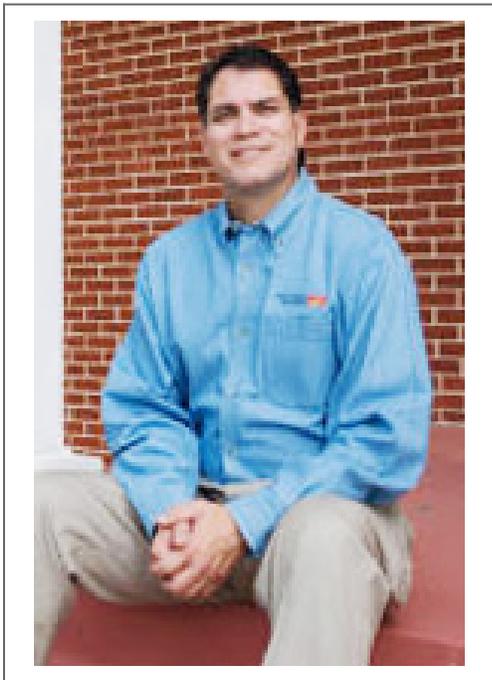
Maciel inaugurated as BUA president; pledges commitment to servant leadership

By Marv Knox

Editor

SAN ANTONIO—Service and leadership will be the themes of René Maciel’s tenure as the seventh president of [Baptist University of the Americas](#), he stressed at his inauguration Sept. 28.

“We want to train our students to be servant-leaders,” Maciel said at First Mexican Baptist Church in San Antonio. The university exists to inform and empower servant-leaders so they can meet “the vast human needs in the world around them,” he added.



René Maciel speaks
following his inauguration
as president Baptist
University of the Américas
in San Antonio

Wayland students demonstrate degree of difference

October 12, 2007

Posted: 10/05/07



Josh Smith,
a Wayland
senior
from
Anchorage,
Alaska,
cleans
trash in
the
Plainview
Cemetery
during
Degree of
Difference
Day.
(Photos
courtesy of
Wayland
Baptist
University)

Wayland students demonstrate degree of difference

By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW—Students and staff from [Wayland Baptist University](#) fanned out across Plainview to paint the town—literally—during Degree of Difference Day.

Volunteers worked at 21 sites to help local agencies and churches by offering free labor for the day.

Expatriate Baptist minister runs for Kenyan Parliament

October 12, 2007

Posted: 10/05/07

Peter Kioko,
secretary
general of
the Kenya
African
National
Union,
congratulates
Solomon
Kimuyu as he
emerges
from a
meeting of
the political
party after
receiving the
group's
nomination
to represent
Machakos
town
constituency
in the
Kenyan
Parliament.
(Photos
courtesy of
Solomon
Kimuyu)

Expatriate Baptist minister runs for Kenyan Parliament

By **Ken Camp**

Managing Editor

DALLAS—A Kenyan Baptist minister who has lived in Texas more than 25 years appears likely to be elected to Parliament in his homeland.

Solomon Kimuyu has been nominated by the Kenya African National Union to represent Machakos township, about 35 miles east of Nairobi, in Kenya's Parliament and serve as leader of the Akamba tribe.



Solomon Kimuyu, a Baptist minister who attended Hardin-Simmons University and earned degrees from Howard Payne University and Dallas Baptist University, will run for a seat in Kenya's Parliament as the candidate of the Kenya African National Union.

Howard Payne students serve communityâ€”with right motive

October 12, 2007
Posted: 10/05/07



Howard
Payne
students
(left to
right)
Skyler
Maley,
Angel
Journey,
Chelsea
Murphee
and
Jennifer
Brock help
plant
flowers at
CARES
nursing
home.
(Photos
courtesy
of Howard
Payne
University)

Howard Payne students serve community—with right motive

Like a “swarm” of bees, [Howard Payne University](#) students busied themselves on a recent Saturday by meeting needs in the Brownwood area.



Students Tamatha Faircloth (left) and Tabitha Davies help paint at the Good Samaritan in Brownwood.

About 130 Howard Payne students participated in SWARM—Serving With a Right Motive—a campus service project launched in 1997 and coordinated by the HPU Student Activities Council. Students completed a variety of jobs including painting, cleaning and yard work at service sites including the Boys & Girls Club, Brownwood Nursing and Rehab, the Brownwood Fire Department, Care Nursing Center; Family Services Center; First Baptist Church of Brownwood, the Girl Scouts, Good Samaritan, the Humane Society, Keep Brownwood Beautiful, the Loaves and Fishes ministry, Milton Avenue Baptist Church, Pecan Valley American Red Cross and The ARK.



Howard Payne University students David
Lara and Brittany Buchanan visit with
residents of the Brownwood Nursing Home
and Rehabilitation Center.