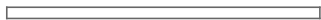


Around the State

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Templo De Alabanza
in McKinney has
broken ground on the
property it bought
almost two years ago.

The church had its
beginnings five years
ago at First Church in

McKinney, when
Artemio Segovia, one
of the church's
custodians,

approached the staff
about starting a
Friday night Bible
study. While the

congregation has
steadily grown, it has
continued to meet at

First Church on
Sunday evenings.

Home Bible studies
also are being

conducted in Allen,
Anna, Princeton and
McKinney. Segovia

continues to serve the
church as pastor. The

first phase of the
construction will be a
7,000-square-foot

facility that will seat
about 160 in worship
and include four

classrooms. An
expected second
phase will expand
worship capacity to
250.

Around the State

- Baylor University has announced a \$1.2 million gift from the estate of John Reagan Harris of Center that will establish an endowed scholarship, as well as the John Reagan Harris Endowed Music Ministry Excellence Fund with the Baylor School of Music's Center for Christian Music Studies. The scholarship was established with a preference to graduates of Harris' alma mater, Center High School, or other Shelby County high schools.
- San Marcos Baptist Academy marked the 100th anniversary of the approval of its charter July 10. On that date in 1907, President J.M. Carroll also supervised laying the cornerstone of the first building, and a spontaneous collection raised \$25,000. San Marcos Academy will commemorate its century of preparing young people for college during its Founder's Day and Homecoming celebrations Sept. 14 and 15.
- Two missionaries with Texas ties have been appointed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Christy Craddock, from Calvary Church in Waco, will serve with Touching Miami with Love in Miami, Fla., as a Global Service Corps volunteer. Janée Angel, from First Church in Burleson, will serve as an affiliate in Brussels, Belgium.



Bob Riley, president of East Texas Baptist University (left), was presented a gift by past board of trustees Chair D.M. Edwards of Tyler (center), for his 15 years of service to the university. The wrought-iron sculpture of a tiger's face peering through bamboo and jungle foliage was created by an Italian artist, framed on a raw silk backing. Also pictured is Clint Davis, current board chair and pastor of First Church in Mount Pleasant. Riley became the 11th president of the Marshall university July 16, 1992. A celebration of his anniversary is scheduled to coincide with ETBU's fall convocation, Sept. 7.

- Bettie Girling has been awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree from Howard Payne University. The award was presented at a special ceremony at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin. She was one of the last graduates of Daniel Baker College in 1952 before it consolidated with Howard Payne University. In 2006, HPU established the Bettie and Robert Girling Center for Social Justice, an undergraduate multidisciplinary initiative involving the departments of social work, sociology, psychology, legal studies and criminal justice. The center was named for the Girlings in recognition of their leadership gift to restore the Coggin Academy building that houses the center.
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Baptist bloggers start hanging out together in the same SBC 'outpost'

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By Robert Dilday

Virginia Religious Herald

ARLINGTON (ABP)—Reforming bloggers who have challenged the Southern Baptist Convention establishment for the past two years are consolidating their efforts to create a new Internet presence they say will be the “premier site for Southern Baptist news and commentary.”

[Ben Cole](#), Marty Duren and other SBC bloggers—whose call to open the closely held power structure of the SBC prompted anger from the denomination’s leaders—have said they would reduce the focus on convention issues in their individual blogs.

Book Reviews

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[Me to We: Finding Meaning in a Material World](#) by Craig Kielburger and Marc Kielburger (Fireside)

This book is written by two brothers who caught the vision of service to others. Life is very simple when you choose to live the “me to we” philosophy. From the founding of charitable organizations to the testimonies from the famous and the common, the authors present examples of how to find meaning in a material world.



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

Craig Kielberger started the Free the Children organization in his home to combat child slavery and persecution. Marc Kielberger's story begins with his immersion into the slums of Bangkok, Thailand. He co-founded the Leaders Today organization, which gives young people the opportunity for hands-on experience in schools and communities around the world.

This book is unique because the conclusion of each chapter lists action items for the reader. The authors' intent is that the reader takes action to implement the "me to we" lifestyle. This is a great book for anyone interested in or being called to serve in missions.

Pieces fall in place to restore passion

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Pieces fall in place to restore passion

By Whitney Farr

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LA LUZ, Mexico—As Texans Saul Roldan and his son Emmanuel prepared for a mission trip to Mexico, Philemon, a pastor in La Luz, was losing his passion for Christ, dropped out of the ministry and began questioning his salvation altogether.

Philemon prayed for restored passion, but he felt God was not listening.

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Emmanuel Roldan of Northwest Hispanic Baptist Church in San Antonio used magic tricks to bring smiles to children and create an avenue for God's love to be shared during a BGCT Border/Mexico Missions trip to central Mexico.
(Photo/Whitney Farr)

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A LUZ, Mexico—Sixty-two indigenous people groups call Mexico their home. And after 100 years of Baptist mission work, half of them still have not heard the Christian gospel.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas' Border/ Mexico Missions program is changing that by connecting Texas Baptist churches along the Mexico border with Baptist churches in other parts of the state for mission trips to unreached people groups. The partnerships allow border churches with cultural and linguistic expertise to cooperate with churches that have money to support extensive mission efforts.

Cartoon

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Want your kids to keep faith? Take a chance on college degree

By Michelle C. Rindels

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Apparently the ivory tower is not undermining the faith, after all.

A new study from the University of Texas indicates college graduates are far more likely to maintain their religious beliefs and practices than those who never attended college.

Ministry to children changes moms' & dads' lives, too

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Ministry to children changes moms' & dads' lives, too

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Children's pastors across the country continue to reach families by first reaching children.

Parents—Christian and non-Christian alike—want what's best for their respective families, children's ministry leaders report. Parents want their children to be brought up correctly and loved in a physically, emotionally and spiritually safe environment.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME: Children need worship

role models

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LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME: Children need worship role models

By George Henson

Staff Writer

An increasing number of churches offer separate worship services for children, but that may not be what is best for either the children or the church, many children's ministry professionals agree.

The faith formation of children is greatly enhanced by not separating them for children's church but by letting them remain with adults, said Diane Smith, children's ministry strategist for the [Baptist General Association of Virginia](#).

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A truly âheavenlyâ cup of coffee

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A truly 'heavenly' cup of coffee

By Whitney Farr

Communications Intern

Try to imagine coffee with a higher calling than jolting people awake.

Sam Say, a Baptist layman from Hong Kong, hopes coffee-lovers throughout the United States and Canada will bless struggling people in Southeast Asia by indulging in a gourmet cup of coffee, beginning next summer.

2nd Opinion: Immigration & evangelism

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2nd Opinion: Immigration & evangelism

By Juan Castro

As a pastor of a Hispanic church, it always has confounded me how so many Christians can reject undocumented Latinos in this country.

I realize there is a great deal of discussion about legality and illegality. Nevertheless, as Christians, we should seek what the Bible has to say about immigration.

What would Jesus do with illegal immigrants? Would Jesus worry about the legal status of an individual, or would he first focus on their evident spiritual need and hunger? Is the Bible in favor or against illegal immigration? Unfortunately, the answers to these questions have been clouded by controversy within the church body.



DOWN HOME: It's not too late to say some things

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DOWN HOME:

It's not too late to say some things

Do you ever feel so overwhelmed with relief and gratitude to God you just about don't know what to do with yourself? If the highest mountain were nearby, you'd climb it, just to shout to God how thankful you are. I feel that way this evening.

Two weeks ago, my buddy Glen thought he had the flu. A week ago, Glen wasn't in good enough shape to think about anything, but his family and friends feared he was about to die. His liver was failing. The doctors didn't know why, but they considered just about every horrible thing you can imagine. Tonight, he's still a pretty sick guy, but his liver is functioning and he told his wife, Nancy, he just wants to go home.

And tonight, the world looks misty and sparkly for all of us who love him. Tears do that.

Glen was a BMOC—Big Man on Campus—when I was a mere freshman at Hardin-Simmons University “back in the day.” He was president of the Baptist Student Union. I remember he had long hair (but we all did then), rosy cheeks and a warm, affable way of talking that made even freshmen feel like they mattered to him. Everybody knew Glen.