

On the Move

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- **Lisa Bonnet** to First Church in Evant as youth minister.
 - **Bob Elliott** to Dogwood Hills Church in Woodville as intentional interim pastor.
 - **H.B. Graves** to Barre, Vt., as missionary and seminary teacher.
 - **Martha Kate Hall** to Northside Church in Corsicana as minister of preschool and children.
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No holiday for Texas Baptist disaster relief workers

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By Barbara Bedrick

Texas Baptist Communications

WICHITA FALLS—A half-dozen Texas Baptist Men disaster relief crews restored homes and hope during the July 4 holiday as heavy rain and flooding continued to ravage the state.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas Disaster Response Team also began processing family aid requests as BGCT church strategists assessed family needs.

Texas Tidbits

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Baylor School of Social Work named partner. For the first time, the [Baylor University School of Social Work](#) has been named a partner school by the national Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The School of Social Work offers bachelor's and master's degrees in social work. It also participates in a program to offer a master of social work/master of divinity degree with [Baylor's Truett Theological Seminary](#), which also is a CBF partner school.

Guajardo leads CBF Texas. Alcides Guajardo of Mineral, immediate past president of the [Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas](#), was elected moderator of the [Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Texas](#) at the national CBF general assembly June 28. He takes the place of Ronald Edwards of Goliad, who died this spring. Other officers are Jorene Swift of Fort Worth, moderator-elect, and Ken Huggins of Huntsville, recording secretary. New members of the CBF Texas coordinating council are Burt Burleson, Waco; Robert Cepeda, Los Fresnos; Sandra Cisneros, Victoria; Joe Fields, Lewisville; Charles Higgs, Stephenville; Fred Hobbs, Victoria; Judy Joy, Covington; Ella Prichard, Corpus Christi; Jesse Rincones, Lubbock; Taylor Sandlin, San Angelo; Ross Shelton, Castroville; Carolyn Strickland, Dallas; Andrew Villarreal, San Antonio; and Jorge Zapata, Harlingen. Texans elected to national CBF positions include Rodney McGlothlin of College Station, Janie Sellers of Abilene and Philip Wise of Lubbock, coordinating council; Debbie Ferrier of Houston, nominating committee; Tommy Hiebert of San Angelo, Church Benefits Board; and Patricia Ayres of Austin and Os Chrisman of Dallas, CBF Foundation.

**TOGETHER: Immigration
ministries merit support**

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Immigration ministries merit support

Texas has a long history of immigration. U.S. Anglos, led by Stephen F. Austin, entered the northern Mexican province of Texas in 1822. Many settlers came with Mexican authorization, but many more came on their own without legal papers.

Now, we are seeing many from Mexico and other nations come into Texas—both legally and illegally.



There is no question the United States must secure its borders, and that is something for which the federal government has responsibility.

Baptist churches, on the other hand, have a responsibility to tell and to show people they are loved by God and he desires a personal relationship with them through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Trust level in religion at near-record low

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By Michelle Rindels

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Americans trust the military and the police significantly more than the church and organized religion, a new [Gallup Poll](#) reveals.

Only 46 percent of respondents said they had either a “great deal” or “quite a lot” of confidence in the church, compared with 69 percent who said they trusted the military and 54 percent who trust police officers.

BaptistWay Bible Series for July 15: A life going absolutely

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BaptistWay Bible Series for July 15

A life going absolutely nowhere

- Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

[By Toby Castleberry](#)

Bible Studies for Life Series for July 15: Sharing Christ with all people

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Bible Studies for Life Series for July 15

Sharing Christ with all people

- Acts 6:1-7; 9:36-43; 11:29-30

[By David Harp](#)

Explore the Bible Series for July 15: Zechariah calls us to repentance

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Zechariah calls us to repentance

- Zechariah 1:1-3:10

[By Kathryn Aragon](#)

First Baptist Church, Duncanville

“Return to me,” declares the Lord Almighty, “and I will return to you” (1:3). The harsh opening belies the gentleness of Zechariah’s message. Instead of condemning us for turning away from God, Zechariah reminds us that God remembers his people and his promises. It’s a fitting message from a man whose name means “The Lord Remembers.”

Embracing the World: The Church and Global Mission in the 21st Century

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Editor's note: Below are the remarks made by CBF Global Missions Coordinator Rob Nash during the Friday afternoon session of the CBF General Assembly in Washington, D.C. Exact wording of this sermon is subject to change during delivery of the message.

By Rob Nash

CBF Global Missions Coordinator

It was as clear and clarion a call to global mission as I have ever heard. The man who uttered it was short and stocky, a former imam at a mosque in the Middle East who had managed to plant a Baptist church in the middle of a challenging and difficult urban context. The two of us were participants in a church planting conference at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut. Among our number were a sprinkling of Americans and Europeans

and a group of about 15 church planters from Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Iraq.

Rob Nash

Accrediting association reprimands Criswell College due to finances

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

DALLAS (ABP)—A Bible college with close ties to the Southern Baptist fundamentalist movement is in danger of losing its accreditation due to financial problems.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools announced June 28 on its website that it had placed Criswell College on a one-year probation period. The news was publicized July 5 by the *Dallas Morning News* and [SBC](#)

[Outpost](#), a blog run by several Southern Baptist pastors disgruntled with the denomination's leadership.

The Criswell College campus is located near downtown Dallas.

RIGHT or WRONG? Baby shower for unwed mother

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RIGHT or WRONG? Baby shower for unwed mother

One of the unmarried teenage girls in our church is pregnant. Should we give her a baby shower, or does that send the wrong message to other young girls?

Hispanic Convention to build homes for retired pastors

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Convention

AUSTIN—The Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas is launching an effort to build homes for retired pastors.

During its annual meeting, the convention passed a motion to create a network of construction teams that would help build homes for retired pastors. The network will be divided into three groups—one that raises money to buy materials, one that builds homes and one that identifies candidates for houses.

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