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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

It may look dead, but it’s really just evolving—even though its members might not like that word. And it may be developing into something its founders wouldn’t recognize.

That’s what some experts say about the future of the Religious Right as a political movement. And even many very conservative Southern Baptists are part of the trend.

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By Daniel Burke

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON—Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., criticized efforts to enlist evangelicals to fight global warming as a “brilliant idea to divide and conquer” and distract them from “core values issues.”

Inhofe, who has been highly critical of climate change “alarmists,” made his remarks during a hearing of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee dedicated to religious views on global warming.

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Rockwall church focuses on families, majors on missions

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By Jessica Dooley

Communications Intern

ROCKWALL—Grace Fellowship of Rockwall built its church around a simple but uncommon approach. It doesn't split up families when they enter the church building.

Grace Fellowship believes this helps nurture the relationship between the children and parents.

Global warming debate

generates resolutions heat at SBC

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By Marv Knox

Editor

SAN ANTONIO—Southern Baptist Convention messengers generated some heat during their annual meeting as they debated the government's responsibility to address global warming.

They also stood by the SBC resolution committee's decision not to address how many people actually populate Southern Baptist churches.

WMU: Seeking God means following his will

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WMU: Seeking God means following his will

By Charlie Warren, Lisa Watson & Bill Webb

Arkansas Baptist, Word & Way

SAN ANTONIO—Prayer for missions took center stage as Woman’s Missionary Union leaders and missionaries challenged participants at the WMU Annual Meeting, held prior to the Southern Baptist Convention gathering in San Antonio.

In her annual address, WMU President Kaye Miller of Little Rock, Ark., cited 2 Chronicles 7:14, highlighting from the passage “humble yourselves” and “pray and seek God.”

Texas Baptist Men send toolboxes to Sudan

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—Texas Baptist young men are sending more than 190 toolboxes to Sudan to help husbands and fathers there learn carpentry skills so they can support their families.

Elementary, middle and high school boys across the state who are part of Texas Baptist Men's Royal Ambassadors and Challengers missions education programs collected money and purchased toolboxes and tools to send to Sudan. Each toolbox is filled with about \$150 of tools.

Texas Tidbits

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Communications interns on the job. Three Baylor University students are serving as Texas Baptist communications interns 12 weeks this summer in a cooperative venture involving the *Baptist Standard*, the Baptist General Convention of Texas communications team and the Buckner International communications office. Jessica Dooley of Ardmore, Okla., Whitney Farr of Caddo Mills and Rebekah Hardage of Waco are serving four weeks in each office. Matt Kennedy of Midlothian, a recent Baylor graduate, is working as an intern with Associated Baptist Press, based out of the *Baptist Standard* office.

Amarillo hospital dedicates new tower. Baptist St. Anthony's Health System recently dedicated its new six-story Ware Tower. The new wing was the result of three years of extensive planning and construction. The building permit for the \$60 million facility reportedly was the largest ever granted in Amarillo.

TOGETHER: Together, Texas Baptists touch lives

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Here's a potpourri of reasons to rejoice in the ministries we are able to do together as Texas Baptists:

- **Camps.** Each year, between 6,000 and 7,000 older children and youth are saved on the 31 campgrounds that relate to our convention. Pray for all those who administer the camps and all the church leaders who go as sponsors.



An exciting development over the last five years has been the camp program for Asian young people sponsored by our intercultural ministry. This year's camp was the largest, with 240 campers, sponsors and staff attending. All the recreation and media staff were Asian-American young people who have been "raised up" in the previous years of camp. There were seven professions of faith, 19 rededications and 10 commitments to full-time ministry.

For the first time, we had an African camp. Forty students and sponsors from Nigeria and Kenya participated. There were six professions of faith, several rededications and at least one commitment to vocational ministry.

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Music cuts across language, cultural barriers in Japan

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Singing "O
Happy Day,"
Douglas
Edwards of
Minnehulla
Baptist
Church in
Goliad
performs solo
with the Texas
Voices of
Praise Choir.
(Photos by
Barbara
Bedrick/BGCT)

Music cuts across language, cultural barriers in Japan

By Barbara Bedrick

Texas Baptist Communications

TOKYO, Japan—Music is proving to be the universal language as Texas Baptists from 10 African American churches performed for a crowd of 500 Japanese people at a concert hall near Toyko June 20.

Volunteers with the group said they could see the Japanese people connecting with the music by the Texas Voices of Praise Choir—and even singing along with the lyrics.

The recycle of clergy abuse

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The recycle of clergy abuse

By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

Secrecy about clergy sexual abuse may protect an abuser's current church from embarrassment but often at the expense of his next church—and its children.

Like many small, rural congregations that find themselves without a pastor, East Bonne Terre Baptist Church had a small budget and few options. So when church members heard there was a new preacher in the area who was seeking a pulpit, it looked like God's timing.



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BaptistWay Bible Series for July 1: Who do you think you are, anyway?

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Who do you think you are, anyway?

- Job 38:1-21; 40:1-2

[By Crystal Leake](#)