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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

FORT WORTH (ABP)—Arlington pastor Dwight McKissic and his fellow trustees at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary decided to make peace, despite their previous public disagreements.

In a statement issued several days prior to the seminary trustees' spring meeting, Chairman Van McClain said board leaders and McKissic had "jointly agreed to put past issues behind us."

Missional leaders needed for churches

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By Barbara Bedrick

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—Vitality of churches in the 21st century depends largely on pioneering and missional leaders, according to Reggie Thomas, director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas congregational leadership team.

Reggie Thomas, director of the BGCT congregational leadership team, points out the seven characteristics of creative church leaders in a recent workshop with ministers and church leaders.

Drawing from Reggie McNeal's book, *A Work of Heart*, Thomas encourages pastors and other church leaders to take seriously and personally the great commission as marching orders for the church. Thomas also stresses leaders be kingdom-conscious, seek to discover where God is at work and join him there.

On the Move

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- **Jim Addison** has resigned as pastor of Hillcrest Church in Kemp.
- **Paul Beard** to Temple Church in New Boston as pastor from Old Union Church in Simms.
- **Bruce Boling** to Fairview Church in Granbury as youth minister.
- **Charles Carter** to New Hope Church in Lone Oak as pastor.

The church in parenthesis

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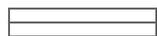
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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

When pastors leave congregations, their former churches often face what could be termed a punctuation crisis.



Some mark the departure with a period, as the end of a sentence—either for the minister or the congregation. Others approach it with a question mark, asking: “Where do we go from here?” But others see it as a parenthesis in their church’s history—an in-between time when the church can regroup, refocus and retool for its future.

San Angelo bus ministry takes gospel to travelers

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SAN ANGELO—At First Baptist Church in San Angelo, bus ministry doesn’t mean transporting people to church. It means taking a message of God’s love to people who may never pass their way again.

Volunteers from the church minister at the San Angelo Bus Center, board buses to deliver brown paper sacks filled with bottled water, snack

crackers, a can of Vienna sausages, a small plastic container of chocolate pudding and tracts in English and Spanish.

Paul Mansfield
boards a bus
in San Angelo
to offer a gift
on behalf of
Jesus Christ to
each
passenger.
(Photo/Jennifer
Wright)

A “love note” is stapled to each bag. One side says: “This is our simple way of saying that God loves you. Let us know if we can be of more assistance.” The other side of the card contains contact information for First Baptist Church.

The bus center ministry began one year ago. Ten buses pass through San Angelo’s bus station every 24 hours—some in the middle of the night.

Churches seeking pastors put plenty of hooks in the water

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By **Robert Dilday**

Virginia Religious Herald

RICHMOND, Va.—What's in a name?

For churches seeking a new minister, the bottom line is collecting names of candidates—and lots of them. That's not always an easy task, and search committees typically discover it takes a variety of approaches to create a critical mass of potential pastors.

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Buckner honors contributors.

[Buckner International](#) honored top contributors at its annual Founder's Day event April 13. R.C. Buckner Founder's Award recipients include Ruth and Don Buchholz of Dallas as philanthropists of the year and North Park Baptist Church in Abilene for dedicated church service. A donation by the

Buchholz family, members of Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas, made possible construction of the Buckner Center for Humanitarian Aid. The center, in east Dallas, will serve as the international receiving, processing and sending point for shoes collected through the Shoes for Orphan Souls drive, medicines, food, clothing and other humanitarian aid to orphans and at-risk children and families. North Park Baptist Church was recognized for its collaboration with Buckner to benefit the Buckner Children's Home in Lubbock and the Bruce Ford Community Center in Amarillo. Pastor Louis Johnson also also traveled with church members to Guatemalan and Peruvian orphanages, ministering to orphan children through Buckner. Chevron Phillips Chemical Company also was honored for support of Buckner Children and Family Services of Southeast Texas.

HBU applies to rejoin NCAA.

TOGETHER: Moving forward in a time of transition

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Moving forward in a time of transition

April 11, I announced to the Executive Board and to our staff that it is my intention to retire at the end of January 2008. There are several things I will continue to work on as we bring our eight years in this role to a close.

First, I will work to imbed in our organizational culture the gains we have made in serving churches and connecting them to a kingdom-sized vision.



Second, I will work with our Baptist institutions and Baptist Student Ministries that are dealing with particular challenges.

Third, I will work to encourage a productive Missions Exchange meeting later this month to help Texas Baptists craft a strategic and collaborative approach to missions.

Cybercolumn by Berry D.

Simpson: Transcendence

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CYBER COLUMN: Transcendence

By Berry D. Simpson

I was reading an article in a recent issue of *Runner's World* about the ultimate long-distance running race—the Sri Chinmoy Self-Transcendence 3,100 Mile Race.

It lasts 51 days during the summer heat. The course consists of a 0.5488-mile concrete loop that circles Thomas Edison High School in Queens, New York. Last summer, there were 15 athletes from 10 countries who took part in this race, each competitor running between 60 and 70 miles every day. And what's more—in case you think something so unbelievable could never be repeated—2006 was the 10th annual running of this race.

Berry D. Simpson

BaptistWay Bible Series for

April 22: Every Christian is called to missions

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BaptistWay Bible Series for April 22

Every Christian is called to missions

• Acts 11:19-26

[By Leroy Fenton](#)

Bible Studies for Life Series for April 22: Loving like Christ bears fruit

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Bible Studies for Life Series for April 22

Loving like Christ bears fruit

• John 13:31-15:17

[By David Harp](#)

Explore the Bible Series for April 22: Christians should exude Christ when squeezed

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[Explore the Bible Series for April 22](#)

Christians should exude Christ when squeezed

• 1 Peter 4:7-19

[By Kathryn Aragon](#)

First Baptist Church, Duncanville

The world places a lot of stock in our intelligence quotient (IQ), but as Christians, we must place more value in our attitudes, especially our

attitude toward difficulties. Take a short quiz and see how your suffering quotient (SQ) rates.