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By Jennifer Sicking

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

BELTON—As Holley Greeson stood in the middle of a crowd of University of Mary Hardin-Baylor students seated on the floor eating chicken curry and rice with their right hands, she spoke about the culture of India—and issued an invitation.

“We hope you’ll come to visit us,” she said.

Holly Greeson
speaks about
her
experiences as
a missionary in
India during
the Mission
Emphasis Fair
at the
University of
Mary Hardin-
Baylor.

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Members
of the
Baylor
University
chapters
of Kappa
Chi Alpha,
Delta
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Delta and
Phi Kappa
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participate
in Steppin'
Out,
working
on the
home of a
Waco
resident.

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WACO—A record number of students and community organizations participated in Steppin' Out, Baylor University's biannual service day. Three thousand students and 80 student and community organizations worked together to serve in various locations throughout the Waco area.

Steppin' Out's mission is to enhance student involvement in community

service. Its goal is to create community awareness, interaction and collaboration between Baylor and the surrounding community.



Baylor University students painting a house as part of the Steppin' Out community service day are (top) Corey Fleeman of Hurst, (below) Sally Neeley of Mineola and (left) Jenny Lee of Fort Worth.

"Service is a lifestyle, and our hope is that students walk away from Steppin' Out with a desire to continue to serve the community," said Andrew Ginakis, a steering committee member for the service day.

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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

VENTURA, Calif. (ABP)—If a recent survey is correct, there is a bigger generation gap between [Baby Boomers](#) and [Baby Busters](#) than most people care to admit, especially when it comes to opinions about sex.

Church opens its doors to students after school

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

CHRISTOVAL—Doug Hurt believes ministry involves meeting needs. Because his church shares that commitment, the children of Christ-oval now have a place to go after the school day ends.

“We’re primarily a bedroom community, and most of the people who live here drive in to San Angelo to work,” Hurt explained.

Romanian child-development center fits couple well

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John and
Phyllis
Carrier,
along with
Buckner
international
program
director
Randy
Daniels,
spend time
with a foster
care group
home in
Tarneveni,
Romania.

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By Jenny Pope

Buckner

John and Phyllis Carrier of [Wilshire Baptist Church](#) in Dallas are both over 60. They're retired, in good health, and part of an army of seniors looking to make a difference by offering their time and years of professional experience to do some good.

The Carriers, both former educators and international travelers, found a perfect fit when they volunteered as educational consultants for [Buckner](#) in Romania. For three months, they helped research and develop a detailed plan for construction and operation of a child development center in the gypsy-populated region of [Tarneveni](#).



Phyllis Carrier comforts a mother and child during her long-term missions stay with Buckner in Romania.

Explore the Bible Series for December 10: God offers ways to overcome obstacles

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Explore the Bible Series for December 10

God offers ways to overcome obstacles

- Ezra 4:1-6:22

By Howard Anderson

Diversified Spiritual Associates, San Antonio

The people of Judah began to rebuild the temple, and everything was progressing according to plan. Samaritan opposition to the rebuilding project developed. Conflict reared its ugly head, stalling a project that seemed to be going so well. Ezra 4 can serve as preparation for the opposition that will inevitably come in our lives.

Lutherans offer belated apology to Anabaptists

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By Daniel Burke

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#) has expressed “deep and abiding sorrow” for the persecution of [Anabaptists](#) nearly five centuries ago in Europe.

The ELCA’s church council, which issued the apology at its recent biennial meeting, hopes it will soothe relations between the Lutherans and present-day Anabaptists, including the [Mennonite Church USA](#).

Angel House workers minister to Chinese children with

cerebral palsy

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By Celeste Pennington

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

GUANGXI PROVINCE, China (ABP)—More than 1.7 million Chinese children under the age of 13 have cerebral palsy.

Because of poverty, limited medical services and China's laws limiting each family to one child, these children often are abandoned to starvation, isolation and an early death.

Angel House director Kate Wang Fang, right, works with Xiao Yu as her mother participates in training. (Jay Paul Photo)

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BELTON—Mile after mile, Bear Garza's feet pounded the pavement to help bring the gospel to others.

Garza raised money for the [University of Mary Hardin-Baylor](#) campus missionary fund and the school's general missions fund Veteran's Day weekend by running and walking from Austin to Belton—70 miles in less than 24 hours.

Bear Garza
pauses in
front of the
chapel at the
University of
Mary Hardin-
Baylor just
before he
started out on
his trek to
raise money
for Baptist
Student
Ministries
missions.

Book Reviews

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[When a Congregation is Betrayed: Responding to Clergy Misconduct](#)

by Beth Ann Gaede, editor (The Alban Institute)

The difficult topic of this new book is this: Adult, heterosexual misconduct by ministers in a church setting. Clergy sexual misconduct devastates the

victim or victims, the minister's family and the congregation.

Gaede's collection of 30 chapters written by 12 experts (plus an extended bibliography), offers a thorough treatment of the dynamics that lead to such events. Then, with clear, step-by-step instructions, the reader learns how to respond.



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

The authors consider different ways to care for victims, church leaders, the congregation, the perpetrator and his (the book points out it is overwhelmingly a male perpetrator) family, and even the "Afterpastor" interims and ministers.

Baptist Briefs

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Alabama Baptists pray for Wal-Mart. At the [Alabama Baptist State Convention's](#) annual meeting, messengers approved a resolution that calls on Baptists to pray for the store's leaders and asks local and national [Wal-Mart](#) officials to reconsider their recent decision to join the [National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce](#). A resolution dealing with the conflict in Western Sudan called for Baptists to pray for the suffering people of the [Darfur](#) region, as well as offer advocacy and humanitarian aid on their behalf. A resolution on ethics in government urged messengers to ask state governments to ensure that officials cannot use power for personal or private gain.

CBF needs volunteers in Louisiana. The [Cooperative Baptist Fellowship](#) needs volunteers to build houses and build hope for Hurricane Katrina victims April 23-May 5 in Baton Rouge, La. More than 325 volunteers a day are needed for the two-week Habitat for Humanity build. Twelve families who lost their homes during Katrina will be chosen for the new homes. [Habitat for Humanity](#) subsidized the cost of the homes, with several Baptist organizations contributing the remainder. The Fellowship has given \$105,000 to the effort, which included an initial three-house build in October. Both skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed to work in a variety of areas, including construction, hospitality, landscaping and painting. Volunteers are invited to stay for the entire two-week build or for just a few days. Fellowship volunteers should register and receive additional information through CBF's volunteer office, which is coordinating the Fellowship's volunteer efforts on this project. A \$100 per week fee covers three meals a day and lodging. If other lodging facilities are used, the fee is \$50. For more information, contact Timothy Wood at

(800) 782-2451 or twood@thefellowship.info.

American Baptists to sell office building

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (ABP)—Leaders of the [American Baptist Churches USA](#) have approved selling the organization's Pennsylvania headquarters building and confirmed the appointment of a new head for the denomination's international missions organization.

The ABC's General Board voted nearly unanimously recently to sell the ABC-USA Mission Center in Valley Forge, near Philadelphia. Of those present, 72 voted in favor of a recommendation from the board's executive committee to begin the process. There was one abstention, according to the American Baptist News Service.