

Church not immune from family violence

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By Mike Midkiff

East Texas Baptist University

DALLAS—Domestic violence is the “elephant in the room that nobody wants to see,” Joanna Berry, director of counseling and family ministry at [South Texas Children’s Home](#) told a Texas Baptist workshop.

“I am positive that in my church, there are victims of family violence sitting in the pews on Sunday morning,” Berry said during a Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting workshop.

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By **Craig Bird**

Baptist Child & Family Services

DALLAS—Culture is changing and, consequently, preaching must change as well, pulpiteer Joel Gregory told a Texas Baptist gathering.

Gregory, [professor of preaching](#) at Baylor University's [Truett Seminary](#), reminded participants at his workshop during the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting that they had a tool never available to preachers before this generation.

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Texas Baptists urged to launch world missions offering

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By **Marv Knox**

Editor

DALLAS—The Baptist General Convention of Texas must take five significant steps, which include launching its own world missions offering, if it hopes to preserve Baptist identity and advance God’s kingdom, Ken Hall told participants at the [Texas Baptists Committed](#) breakfast during the BGCT annual meeting Nov. 14.

“We stand today in a decision time for what it means to be Baptist,” insisted Hall, president of [Buckner International](#) and a former BGCT president.

Internet ministry can help churches expand their reach

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By Blake Killingsworth

Dallas Baptist University

DALLAS—Many churches' publishing ministry gave way to tape ministry, which gave way to television ministry. Will it now give way to Internet ministry?

During the 2006 Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting, the web broadcasting team from [South Main Baptist Church in Houston](#) gave a do-it-yourself workshop of how to build a "worship webcast."

Kids Hope USA mentors make a difference

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Kids Hope USA mentors make a difference

By Jenny Pope

Buckner International

DALLAS—One child in five lives in poverty. One in three lacks a significant

father figure, and children without a father figure are twice as likely to drop out of school, said Scott Waller, director of program development for [Buckner Children & Family Services](#) and [Kids Hope USA](#) liaison.

Poverty, poor education and lack of parental involvement clearly are linked to crime. In fact, two states currently look to third-grade reading-level scores to determine the future number of prison cells.

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Baptist Child & Family Services

DALLAS—There is no shortage of mission trip opportunities for church groups; the difficulty is in determining where to go and why, a workshop leader told Texas Baptists.

Dearing Garner, executive director for [Africa for Children's Emergency Relief International](#), led a breakout session on "Give Your Congregation a Mission—Choose a Place in the World and Go" during the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting.

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By Barbara Bedrick

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—Baptist General Convention of Texas leaders agree: Restoring trust is a primary task in 2007.

“The wound is deep, and it’s still fresh,” said BGCT President Michael Bell, referring to misuse of BGCT church starting funds in the Rio Grande Valley.

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Baptist Child & Family Services

DALLAS—In a “Dr. Phil and Oprah age,” the church doesn’t have to be traditional to be faithful, Ray Brown, pastor of [Resurrection Baptist Church in Schertz](#), told a Texas Baptist group.

In fact, being traditional may result in being unfaithful to the command to “go and tell the world,” he asserted.

Warm affection, cool discipline key to parenting

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Warm affection, cool discipline key to parenting

By **Miranda Bradley**

Children at Heart Ministries

DALLAS—It takes positive attitudes and strong relationships to be a “cool” parent, said C.V. Blake, pastor to young and median adults at [First Baptist Church in Abilene](#).

“I always tell my kids, ‘I will love you warmly and discipline you coolly,’” he said during a workshop held in conjunction with the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting.

C.V. Blake of First Baptist Church in Abilene leads a seminar on parenting during the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting

Piper Institute board votes to dissolve at year's end

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By Ken Camp

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A church planting institute founded by [Otto Arango](#)—the central figure in an investigation that revealed misuse and mismanagement of Texas Baptist church starting funds in the Rio Grande Valley—will cease to exist at the end of this year.

At a called meeting in Dallas Nov. 14, the [Piper Institute for Church Planting](#) board of directors voted unanimously to dissolve the corporation, effective Dec. 31.

Churches can help members deal with sexual addiction

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Churches can help members deal with sexual addiction

By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

DALLAS—Even though many churches might choose to believe otherwise, most congregations have members facing sexual addiction issues, said Darin Griffiths, licensed professional counselor with [South Texas Children's Home](#) family ministry in Corpus Christi.

Griffiths believes the only way healing will occur is by providing a safe haven to deal with the issue.

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Leo Smith
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(Photo by
Craig Bird)

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Baptist Child & Family Services

DALLAS—A new partnership between [Texas Baptist Men](#) and [Walking In Love Ministries](#) is revitalizing the outreach of three Baptist hospitals in Nigeria, participants at the Texas Baptist Men’s rally learned.

Six mission reports highlighted the rally, held prior to the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting in Dallas.

