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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

ATLANTA (ABP)—The [Cooperative Baptist Fellowship](#) coordinating council has approved four schools—including Baylor University's [Truett Theological Seminary](#)—as identity partners eligible for significant financial support.

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DALLAS (ABP)—A politically diverse coalition of 24 evangelical leaders placed [full-page ads](#) in leading U.S. newspapers Oct. 18 calling for President Bush and the American public to stop [genocide in Darfur](#).

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Applewhite
(left), Morris
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(2nd from
right) and Ron
Hanby (right),
all from First
Baptist Church
in Hale
Center, and
their Brazilian
interpreter
present a New
Testament to a
young mother
during a home
visit in Brazil.
The team of 16
members from
churches in
Caprock Plains
and Lubbock
Baptist
associations
held Bible
studies in
almost 100
homes in
Salvador,
Brazil,
resulting in
about 300
adults making
professions of
faith in Christ.

Brazil mission trip seen as 'anything but average'

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

LUBBOCK—Troy Burke describes himself as “kind of average.” He’s a large man, but not overly large. He’s a pharmacist—an interesting-enough profession, but by his own admission it’s hardly one that stands out. But recently, he participated in a mission trip that he described as anything but average.

From far North to Deep South, DBU volunteers serve

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Twelve
young
men
from
DBU set
out on a
14-mile
journey
to test
spirit,
soul, and
strength.

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By Tim Gingrich

Dallas Baptist University

DALLAS—From the frozen north to the Deep South, [Dallas Baptist University](#) students devoted their fall break to missions.

Bible Studies for Life Series for

November 5: Live in relationship, not rebellion

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Bible Studies for Life Series for November 5

Live in relationship, not rebellion

- Isaiah 1:2-4,10-20

By Kenneth Lyle

BaptistWay Bible Series for November 5: God is the only source of true wisdom

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God is the only source of true wisdom

- Proverbs 1:7; 3:1-20

By David Wilkinson

Explore the Bible Series for November 5: Exercise confidence in your relationship with God

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Explore the Bible Series for November 5

Exercise confidence in your relationship with God

- Hebrews 10:10:19-39

By Howard Anderson

Diversified Spiritual Associates, San Antonio

Christians must exercise confidence in their relationship with God as they

worship, study and witness.

BGCT reorganized but not downsized

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

DALLAS—Two years into a [major restructuring](#) of the Baptist Building, a focus on streamlined response to churches has not resulted in the significantly downsized organization some outside observers had anticipated.

Senior administrators point to a [Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board staff](#) who stay in closer contact with churches, respond more rapidly to congregations' needs, demonstrate greater ethnic diversity—and are slightly larger in number.

Book Reviews

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[To Own a Dragon: Reflections on Growing Up Without a Father](#) by Donald Miller & John MacMurray (NavPress)

It's always fun to read a [Don Miller](#) book, and his latest is no exception. This time, the best-selling *Blue Like Jazz* author and college speaker teams up with his spiritual mentor, the international nature photographer John MacMurray.

Miller writes in his humorous and transparent style, poetically relating many of the experiences and lessons he missed growing up without an earthly father's presence and training in life skills. While living with MacMurray's family, Miller's friend passed on spiritual insights that shaped his views of God and what it means to be a father.

Off the Bookshelf
What's everyone reading anyway?

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

Having lost my father, Reggie, to cancer earlier this year, my grief is fresh,

and I wasn't sure how the book would affect me. However, while reading, I developed an even deeper appreciation for the godly influence of my dad, also being grateful that God is my ever-present, ever-loving and perfect Father.

Baptist Briefs

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Benefactors pledge \$16 million to seminary. Harold and Dottie Riley of Austin have [pledged \\$16 million](#) for a campaign to build a 3,500-seat chapel on the [Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary](#) campus. Presently, the largest auditorium on campus at the 3,000-student school is the 1,100-seat Truett Auditorium. Since coming to Southwestern as president in 2003, Paige Patterson has made building a new chapel one of his priorities. Two years ago, trustees authorized architects to draw up plans, and a site west of the Smith Center for Leadership Development was selected. Patterson has said no ground will be broken until all funds for the chapel have been committed.

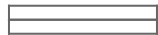
National WMU re-elects Texan as officer. Kathy Hillman of Waco and Kaye Miller of Little Rock, Ark., were elected to serve another year as

national officers of [Woman's Missionary Union](#) recently at LifeWay Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina. About 750 members were present at WMU's 118th annual meeting to re-elect Miller to a second term as president and Hillman to a third term as recording secretary, both by unanimous vote.

Cartoon

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2nd Opinion: Political party? Irrelevant question

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2nd Opinion:

Political party? Irrelevant question

By Taylor Sandlin

It's political season once again—commercials, road signs, stump speeches.

I remember my first interview with a pastor-search committee during my seminary days. A man asked me, “So, are you a Democrat or a Republican?” I looked out over that group of a dozen people whose political identity I had absolutely no idea about and thought to myself, “This is surely a trap.” I quickly replied, “If I were to become your pastor, my goal would be for you to never find out.” That seemed to satisfy them, although they didn't offer me the job. My answer, though a little evasive, was born not of convenience, but conviction.
