

BaptistWay Bible Series for July 23: Living with single-minded purpose

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Living with single-minded purpose

- 2 Timothy 2:1-17, 20-13

By Joseph Matos

Family Bible Series for July 23: God's provision is bountiful and continuous

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God's provision is bountiful and continuous

- Exodus 15:22-26; 16:2-4, 31-35

By Greg Ammons

Explore the Bible Series for July 23: Our understanding of God's ways is limited

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Our understanding of God's ways is limited

- Ecclesiastes 1:1-3:22

By James Adair

Baptist University of the Americas, San Antonio

Like Job, Ecclesiastes is a book that challenges the traditional wisdom of its

day. It questions the notion of a moral cause-and-effect universe, the idea that the righteous inevitably are rewarded and the wicked are punished.

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DALLAS—Dallas Baptist University took a major step toward construction of its first chapel building in 108 years, thanks to an \$8 million contribution from Bo Pilgrim.

The gift from Pilgrim, co-founder and chairman of Pilgrim's Pride, the second-largest poultry company in the United States and Mexico, represents half the total of DBU's \$16 million Chapel Campaign.

The 1,400-seat Patty and Bo Pilgrim Chapel will be located in the heart of the DBU campus in southwest Dallas.

Bo and Patty Pilgrim

"We are grateful beyond words for the generosity of Mr. Pilgrim," DBU

President Gary Cook said. "With this gift, we will be able to fulfill a dream for a chapel, which has been on the heart of members of the DBU family ever since we moved to Dallas in 1965."

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By Marv Knox

Editor

ATLANTA (ABP)—Baptist higher education faces a monumental crisis, due in large part to abuses of control and financial dependence, longtime university president Kirby Godsey told participants at the Whitsitt Baptist Heritage Society's annual meeting.

Godsey will retire this summer after 27 years as president of Mercer University in Macon, Ga. He received the Whitsitt Society's 2006 Courage Award and delivered the society's Penrose St. Amant Lecture on "The Future of Baptist Higher Education."

Yee urges Fellowship to become fully intercultural

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Editor

ATLANTA (ABP)—The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship must transcend mere multiculturalism to become fully intercultural, CBF Moderator Joy Yee told participants at the group's general assembly in Atlanta.

The fellowship of traditional, progressive Baptists can be multicultural simply by gathering people representing various ethnicities, races, geographies, ages, genders and classes in the same place, Yee noted. But to be intercultural, it must dynamically involve each group with all the others, she explained.

Convocation urges immigration reform

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By Craig Bird

Baptist Child & Family Services

ATLANTA (ABP)—The central question in the debate on immigration reform is not about economics or politics, Hispanic Baptist leaders told the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

“The basic issue is whether Jesus still has a mission to the poor,” Albert Reyes, president of Baptist University of the Americas, explained as he introduced a document titled “Proclamation for Immigration Reform” at a solemn assembly held during the CBF general assembly.

WMU may move annual meeting

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—The Woman's Missionary Union of Texas board of directors voted to explore holding the missions organization's 2008 annual meeting at a time other than immediately prior to the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting.

Texas WMU Executive Director-Treasurer Carolyn Porterfield said the board will consider whether moving the meeting could increase attendance and be a wiser use of the organization's funds. The board will hear the findings of the exploration during its November meeting.

Quiet CBF general assembly focuses on the future

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The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's new slate of officers are Joy Yee, immediate past moderator; Emmanuel McCall, moderator; Harriet Harral, moderator-elect; and Hal Bass, recorder. (Photo by Mark Sandlin)

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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

ATLANTA (ABP)—With a call to minister to a world in need, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship began its 16th year by appointing 19 mission workers, welcoming a new missions coordinator, adopting a \$17 million budget and contributing \$32,801 to a special human-rights offering.

The Fellowship's June 22-23 annual meeting in Atlanta was quiet—even by Fellowship standards—with little official business and no controversy. Almost unnoticed was a constitutional amendment that restored a mention

of Jesus and the Great Commission to CBF's governing documents.

Religious freedom threatened in U.S.

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Hollman,
general
counsel for
the Baptist
Joint
Committee
for
Religious
Liberty,
welcomes
guests to
the 70th
anniversary
luncheon.
(Bob
Perkins Jr.
photo)

Religious freedom threatened in U.S.

By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

ATLANTA (ABP)—Baptist historian Walter Shurden told religious-freedom advocates the principle of religious liberty is threatened as never before in American history.

Shurden, director of the Center for Baptist Studies at Mercer University in Macon, Ga., addressed supporters of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty at a luncheon during the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship general assembly in Atlanta.

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HOUSTON—Houston Baptist University trustees named Jack Carlson the school's interim president, effective Aug. 1.

Carlson, recently retired vice president from SYSCO Corporation and deacon at Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston, has served as an HBU trustee more than 11 years and currently is chair of the board's finance committee.

Diane Williams, chair of the HBU presidential search committee, announced Carlson's appointment at a June 28 university forum.

Jack Carlson

HBU President Doug Hodo, who previously had announced his retirement effective June 30, will remain on the job until July 31.

Layman's passion for Brazil fuels missions partnership

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Layman's passion for Brazil fuels missions partnership

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

LUBBOCK—Jim Dulin fell in love with Brazil about 25 years ago, and he never got over it.

His passion for the Brazilian people and heartfelt desire to share the gospel with them has sparked a missions partnership linking churches in Lubbock Area Baptist Association and Caprock Plains Baptist Area to Baptists in Brazil.