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Ashley Nash	Kara Fonville

## Texans named national Acteens panelists

**By Amy Whitfield**

*Woman's Missionary Union*

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Two teenagers from Baptist General Convention of Texas-affiliated churches in Garland have been selected to serve on the national Acteens panel.

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# Hospice a ministry, not just a service, providers say

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## Hospice a ministry, not just a service, providers say

**By Karen Brittain**

*Hendrick Health System*

ABILENE—Late one evening shift, registered nurse Kay Kovach sat at her station in the Hendrick Hospice Care inpatient unit, busily charting information and occasionally glancing at her watch.

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## Volunteers help burned-out community reclaim mementos

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This mailbox is all that is left intact after a grass fire raged through 87-year-old Marie Cook's home. She had lived there her entire life. (Photos by Miranda Bradley)

## Volunteers help burned-out community reclaim mementos

**By Miranda Bradley**

*Texas Baptist Children's Home*

GORMAN—With the help of a walker, 87-year-old Marie Cook watched as children from Texas Baptist Children's Home sifted through what remained of her house—burned to the ground by a New Year's Day wildfire.



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# **Wayland executive VP killed in plane crash**

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**By Teresa Young**

*Wayland Baptist University*

PLAINVIEW—Wayland Baptist University Executive Vice President Bill Hardage was killed March 25 in a plane crash in central California.

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## **Schmeltekopf served as top aide to two BGCT directors**

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# Schmeltekopf served as top aide to two BGCT directors

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

FORT WORTH—Texas Baptist denominational leader Ed Schmeltekopf died March 29 after an extended illness related to his longtime battle with Parkinson's disease.

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## Explore the Bible Series for April 9: Pursue a vigorous righteousness

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**Explore the Bible Series for April 9**

## Pursue a vigorous righteousness

• Isaiah 32:1-39:8

**By James Adair**

*Baptist University of the Americas, San Antonio*

Isaiah 32-39 includes a series of oracles about a future, righteous king of Judah (Isaiah 32-33), an oracle of judgment on Edom (Isaiah 34), a transition to the new themes that will begin in chapter 40 (Isaiah 35) and a historical section dealing with King Hezekiah (Isaiah 36-39). They repeat many of the themes of the earlier chapters, but in chapter 35 they reach new heights of poetic expression and introduce in earnest the theme of exile and return.

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## **May men want to see â□□house that faith builtâ□□ completed**

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## **Afghan Christian released, finds asylum**

**By Robert Marus**

*ABP Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON (ABP)—An Afghan man threatened with execution for converting to Christianity was freed and was granted political asylum in Italy March 29.

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# Around the state

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## Around the state

- The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor social work program and advisory board will present its annual ethics conference April 20 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The conference is free. Sherry Carroll will present "Do the Right Things, For the Right Reason, In the Right Way." For more information, call (254) 295-4555.

- Howard Payne University will be the site of the "Best of the Best Books of 2005 for Children and Young Adults" exhibit and workshop April 21 and 22. The exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, with participants eligible for 7.5 hours continuing professional education credit. A \$25 fee covers a meal and handouts. For more information, access the website at [ww1.hputx.edu/hotlit/home.htm](http://ww1.hputx.edu/hotlit/home.htm).

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Trinity Church in Amarillo recently held a birthday celebration for two women in the congregation who both celebrated their 100th birthdays in the same week. Willie Roberts' (left) birthday coincided with the day of the celebration, March 12. Flora Hurd's (right) birthday was March 5. Both women were instrumental in the ministry of the church for many years. Roberts worked in the nursery with infants more than 25 years, and Hurd taught a women's Sunday school class until she no longer was able.

- A reunion for alumni, faculty and staff of Decatur Baptist College will be

held April 22 at the Wise County Heritage Museum in Decatur, site of the former administration building of the college. The college, the forerunner of Dallas Baptist University, moved to Dallas in 1965. For reservations or more information, call (214) 333-5601.

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## **Two suspects jailed in Orange church arson**

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**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

ORANGE—West Orange authorities jailed two juvenile suspects in connection with the March 5 arson of McDonald Memorial Baptist Church in Orange.

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# **BGCT designed to meet churches' wishes**

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*Managing Editor*

DALLAS—If a church needs help from the Baptist General Convention of Texas, should a church representative: (a) call the service center at the Baptist Building; (b) contact a regional congregational strategist; or (c) directly phone somebody he or she knows on the BGCT Executive Board staff?

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## **Baptist Briefs**

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# Baptist Briefs

**No bond for accused church arsonists.** The three men charged in the string of 10 church fires in rural Alabama will not seek release on bond from their federal charges, their lawyers said. Matthew Lee Cloyd, 20; Benjamin Moseley, 19; and Russell DeBusk Jr., 19, could have been released on a \$50,000 bond with strict conditions. Instead, Moseley's lawyer said his client's concern for the affected church members determined his decision to remain in jail. In addition to the federal charges, each man is charged with state arson and burglary charges. If convicted on all state counts, each suspect will face between 15 and 150 years in state prison. As for federal charges, each man faces between seven and 40 years in federal prison.

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**British Baptists set to select general secretary.** The Council of the Baptist Union of Great Britain has nominated Jonathan Edwards as its next general secretary. The nomination followed the retirement announcement of General Secretary David Coffey, president of the Baptist World Alliance, and the Baptist Assembly will vote on it April 28. Edwards, 50, has served as a South West Baptist Association regional minister since 1998 and became a team leader for the group in 2002. Prior to serving with the Church Missionary Society in India, he studied law at St. John's College, Oxford, and trained for Baptist ministry at Oxford's Regent's Park College. Upon approval by the Baptist Assembly of his nomination, Edwards will begin his new position next fall. The fifth-largest Christian denomination in the United Kingdom, the Baptist Union of Great Britain has more than 2,100 churches in England and Wales.

**Fort Worth leader nominated for CBF post.** Harriet Harral of Fort



Worth has been nominated to serve as the next moderator-elect of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Harral, who has served on the Fellowship's Coordinating Council since 2003 and is current chair of the Council's personnel committee, will be presented to the General Assembly for a vote as moderator-elect during its annual business session at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Ga., in June. Nominations for moderator-elect can be made from the floor of the Assembly. Harral operates The Harral Group, a consulting firm that specializes in organizational effectiveness. A member of CBF of Texas' coordinating council, she is a member of Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, where she serves as deacon.