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By David Coffield

Hardin-Simmons University

ABILENE—Logsdon Seminary has been accredited by the primary accrediting agency for theological schools in North America.

The seminary, part of Hardin-Simmons University's Logsdon School of Theology, received full accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools.

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Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—The Baptist General Convention of Texas has named two leaders of its ministry, evangelism and missions team and filled two positions on its congregational leadership team.

Phil Miller, former associate director of the BGCT Bible Study/Discipleship Center, will now lead the convention's ministry staff within the ministry, evangelism and missions team.

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Managing Editor

WACO—God calls Christian ministers to follow Jesus' example and preach social justice, author Tony Campolo said.

"Jesus came preaching the kingdom of God—transformed people living in a transformed social order," Campolo told a ministerial ethics conference at Baylor University's Truett Seminary, sponsored by the Christians Ethics Today Foundation.

Tony Campolo

Ethical preaching begins with clear calling

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WACO—Ethical preaching begins with a minister's clear sense of vocational calling, preaching professor Joel Gregory told a ministerial ethics conference at Baylor University's Truett Seminary.

“The call is both vertical and horizontal. It comes from God, but it needs to be validated by other people,” Gregory said.

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DALLAS—A support group for abuse victims has asked the Baptist General Convention of Texas to publish its list of ministers involved in clergy sexual misconduct.

Miguel Prats, Texas coordinator for the Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests and Other Clergy, said the convention is allowing ministers who have committed child abuse in one congregation to serve in other churches by not publishing its list of clergy members involved in sexual misconduct.

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WACO—Sexual misconduct occurs among ministers at a rate higher than among other trusted professions such as doctors and lawyers, a retired seminary ethics professor said.

At its heart, clergy sexual abuse represents betrayal by a minister who abuses the trust of a vulnerable and wounded person, Joe Trull told a ministerial ethics conference at Baylor University's Truett Seminary.

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Imperatives sum up pastoral ethics

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WACO—A Lubbock minister summed up pastoral ethics in three simple imperatives: “Follow Christ. Keep your integrity. And be nice.”

Pastoral ethics represents a “widely ignored but badly needed emphasis” in Christian life, Philip Wise, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Lubbock, told an ethics in ministry conference at Baylor University’s Truett Seminary.

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Wise suggested pastors establish parameters for ethical behavior by following three principles:

- Follow Christ. Don't focus on problems or follow unworthy examples, Wise urged. Instead, follow Jesus' example. "It's difficult to be unkind and un-Christian when your eyes are on Jesus Christ," he said.

Be colleagues, not competitors

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WACO—Pastors need to realize that other ministers—whether lay or ordained, inside their congregations or in sister churches—are colleagues, not competitors, said Julie Pennington-Russell, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Waco.

"Relationships are crucial. But if you feel like a failure in that area of your ministry, please know you're not alone," Pennington-Russell told a ministerial ethics conference at Baylor University's Truett Seminary.

Julie Pennington- Russell

Faith, family & finances can test pastors' integrity

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WACO—Faith, family and finances are three points where many ministers find their integrity tested, a veteran pastor and denominational leader told a ministerial ethics conference.

Authentic spirituality, stability at home and a nonmaterialistic lifestyle demonstrate wholeness—"a person who has it all together," said James Carter, former director of church-minister relations for the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

"An effective, ethical minister is a person of integrity," said Carter, who served 30 years as a pastor. He spoke during a conference at Baylor University's Truett Seminary, sponsored by the Christian Ethics Today Foundation.

"The minister's faith must be a growing faith," Carter said.

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musical
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performed
by the
Hilltop
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East Texas
Baptist
University
last
month.

Around the State

- Ken Blanchard, co-author of *The One-Minute Manager* and *Lead Like Jesus*, will be the featured speaker for the Heavin Lecture in Christian Principles and Business Leadership to be held at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor March 20 at 11 a.m. Blanchard will speak on principles found in *The Simple Truths of Leadership*, his latest book. The event is free and open to the public.
- Houston Baptist University will hold its spring preview weekend for prospective students March 24-25. Students and parents will receive information on admissions, financial aid, housing and scholarships. Students also have the opportunity to sit in on a mock lecture in the area of their choice. There is no cost, but reservations need to be made by calling (281) 649-3211.



Dallas Baptist University recently was host to Joseph Kim, pastor of Wonchon Baptist Church in Suwon, South Korea, along with the Kidz Chorale from Central Christian Academy in Suwon. During a chapel service, the children sang praise and worship songs, performed a pantomime skit, exhibited tae kwon do abilities, and demonstrated a traditional fan dance.

- The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will hold Health Quest 2006 March 24 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Mayborn Campus Center. The health fair is free and open to the public. More than 50 exhibitors from a variety of health and wellness businesses will participate. Health screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, visual acuity, lung function and body fat will be available. As a part of the event, a five kilometer family run will be held at 8 a.m. March 25. Late registration for the run will be held from 6:30 a.m. until 7:45 a.m. prior to the race. Register for the race at www.runtex.com. Saturday events will feature free immunizations, a bounce house, healthy snacks, games, prizes and nutrition booths. Member of the Centex Barracudas indoor football team also will be present.

Audio Adrenaline sees music as

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of Audio
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to
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Audio Adrenaline sees music as avenue to challenge youth

By Leann Callaway

Special to the Baptist Standard

Audio Adrenaline has been a prominent force in Christian rock music

nearly 15 years, selling more than 3 million records and racking up 18 No. 1 singles.

Lead vocalist Mark Stuart, bass guitarist Will McGinniss, guitarist/vocalist Tyler Burkum and drummer Ben Cissell formed the band on the campus of Kentucky Christian College, and in spite of their success, they remained focused on using their music as a platform to challenge students to make a global impact for Christ.

Mother-daughter duo string together a ministry

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

MARLIN—After more than 80 years, many people are ready to retire from ministry, but LaVonne Moore began hers just four months ago. It involves putting bracelets on wrists, smiles on faces and—most importantly to her—Jesus in hearts.

Moore shares a room at the Golden Years Rest Home in Marlin with her daughter, Vicki, and it is there that they have developed their own private assembly line for turning out tools for missionaries far and wide to share the gospel.

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