

# **Underwood urges Baylor graduates to challenge authority**

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## **Underwood urges graduates to think for themselves**

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

WACO—Bill Underwood ended his tenure as Baylor University's interim president by challenging graduates to think for themselves and respect the right of other people to disagree with them.

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## **Church shows love to teenaged parents at Care Fair**

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Young  
mothers and  
mothers-to-be  
learn CPR at  
a Care Fair  
sponsored by  
First Baptist  
Church in  
Farmers  
Branch.

## **Church shows love to teenaged parents at Care Fair**

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

FARMERS BRANCH-More than 50 teenaged unwed mothers and mothers-to-be gathered at First Baptist Church in Farmers Branch for an aptly named Care Fair.

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## **Mexican families enjoy new homes, thanks to Baptist efforts**

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Texas  
Baptist  
River  
Ministry  
Director  
Dexton  
Shores  
(left)  
presents  
the key to  
a new  
home to a  
Mexican  
family  
victimized  
by  
Hurricane  
Emily,  
while  
Associate  
Director  
Loren  
Fast gives  
them a  
Bible.

## **Mexican families enjoy new homes, thanks to Baptist efforts**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

LA CAPILLA, Mexico-Baptist General Convention of Texas River Ministry leaders presented 11 families with keys to new homes that can help them begin their lives again after Hurricane Emily.

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# Around the State

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First Church in Orange elected to help the helpers by presenting a check to the Texas Baptist Men's Top of Texas Disaster Unit. The check was to be used toward purchase of a tilt skillet that would increase the food-serving capacity of the TBM feeding unit from 20,000 meals per day to 30,000 meals per day. First Baptist Treasurer Don Mohon and Deacon Chairman Don Ball presented the check to Tim Willis of the Top of Texas team. While serving in Orange, the TBM crew served more than 240,000 free meals to people whose lives were turned upside down by Hurricane Rita. While the TBM volunteers of business owners, farmers, secretaries and retirees come from all over West Texas, the feeding unit is based at First Church in Plains, a community of about 1,200 people.

# Around the State

✘ Baylor Health Care System's pastoral care department and the Baptist General Convention of Texas' office of chaplaincy relations will begin a 14-week course titled "Hands On Ministry" Feb. 2. The course, taught by professional chaplains, is aimed at providing lay people with an opportunity for increasing the knowledge, skills and ability needed to provide effective, compassionate care to others. Classes will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each Thursday, with the exception of Maundy Thursday, through May 11. The training fee is \$25. For more information, contact **Bob Duncan** at (214) 820-4893 or **Reba Gram** at (888) 311-3900.

✘ The third annual singles conference of San Jacinto Baptist Association will be held Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Northside Church in Baytown. **Don Piper**, author of *90 Minutes in Heaven*, will be the keynote speaker. Singles of all ages are welcome. The \$25 cost includes an autographed book and lunch. For more information, call (281) 422-3604 or go to [www.sjbaptist.org](http://www.sjbaptist.org).

✘ Baylor University has named two faculty members as master teachers. Honored with the designation were **Thomas Hanks Jr.**, professor of English, and **Gerald Powell**, the Abner V. McCall Professor of Evidence at Baylor Law School. Hanks began teaching at Baylor in 1976 and is a noted expert in medieval English literature. Powell has taught in the Baylor law school since 1986.

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# **BGCT provides computers for Nigerian Baptists**

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

The Baptist General Convention of Texas has shipped more than seven dozen computers to the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

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## **Bible literacy among Baptists in decline, some educators fear**

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## **Bible literacy among Baptists**

# in decline, some educators fear

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

Only one-third of American teenagers know what a “road to Damascus” experience means, and close to one-third don't understand the term “Good Samaritan,” a 2004 Gallup survey revealed.



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## Book Reviews

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***Evaluating the Church Growth Movement: Five Views*** by Gary L. McIntosh, general editor (Zondervan)



Evaluating the Church Growth Movement provides an opportunity to understand a variety of North American church-growth views. Five scholars express their perspectives as well as critique each other's writings. They delve into church growth, sharing their own historical understandings and interpretations.

Gary McIntosh, the general editor writes:

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# Church activists see federal budget as moral document

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Jim Wallis,  
founder of the  
anti-poverty  
group Call to  
Renewal, leads a  
budget protest  
outside the U.S.  
Capitol. (RNS  
photo courtesy of  
Ryan  
Beiler/Sojourners)

## Church activists see federal budget as moral document

**By Kevin Eckstrom**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)-When mainline Protestant leaders assembled in the nation's capital last March to denounce President Bush's proposed budget

as “unjust,” they were received much like the Old Testament prophets they look to for inspiration—just another lonely voice, crying out in the wilderness.

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# **Church bulletin errors tickle the funny bone**

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## **Church bulletin errors tickle the funny bone**

**By Heather Horiuchi**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)—It has long been said that to err is human. But to forgive mistakes in church bulletins may be divine.

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# Cartoon

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**"Pastor said  
the new  
year is like  
a  
clean slate,  
so I deleted  
everything."**

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention ( SBC ) and around the world.

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## Transitions spotlight new face of Baptist higher education

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Beneath  
the  
shadow of  
the cross,  
Dallas  
Baptist  
University  
students  
walk  
across  
campus to  
classes  
after a  
chapel  
service.  
(Photo  
courtesy  
of Dallas  
Baptist  
University)

## **Transitions spotlight new face of Baptist higher education**

**By Hannah Lodwick**

*Associated Baptist Press*

DALLAS (ABP)—Three of the nation's largest Baptist universities each have chosen a different strategy in selecting the president who will shape the school's future. Now pundits wonder which model will emerge as the new

face of Christian higher learning.