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Leviticus 16:11-22, 29-34

By Wayne Smith

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LifeWay Family Bible Series for March 13: Eternal rewards should be the focus of

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John 12:12-29; 18:28-19:16

By Mitch Randall

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

Ruth Smith doesn't know what her life would have been like if she hadn't been reading the Baptist Standard one Sunday morning in 1952, but she knows it would have been different.

Around the State_30705

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Around the State

Hardin-Simmons University's "Securing the Future" campaign has received in pledges or cash \$28,251,236 -the largest amount ever received in a financial campaign at the school.

♦ **Ken Medema** will be in concert at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor at noon March 11. The concert is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. For more information, call (254) 295-4678.

♦ Three staff members at the Baptist General Convention of Texas have new responsibilities. **Joyce Gilbreath**, a member of Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall, has been named world hunger consultant for the Christian Life Commission. **Karen Witcher**, a member of Fielder Road Church in Arlington, has been named manager of events and promotion for the BGCT's Center for Music and Worship. **Rodney Cottingham**, a member of Westside Church in Lewisville, has been named the convention's accounting manager.



Highland Park Church in Mount Pleasant has broken ground on an education wing. At a cost of approximately \$350,000, the addition will contain nine Sunday school rooms. Participants in the groundbreaking ceremony included, front row (l-r), charter members Dean and Alma McCollum and Louise Rogers; Pastor Gaylon Riddle, Associate Pastor Troy White and Music Minister Waylon Moore. Back row (l-r), long range planning committee members Kathy McAlester, Jerry Smith, Ross Bond, Ralph Cutler and David Myers.

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

Bill Brian, an attorney and layman at First Baptist Church in Amarillo, will chair an 11-member search committee charged with finding a successor to Baylor University President Robert Sloan.

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

DALLAS-The Baptist General Convention of Texas will apply for full voting membership in the Baptist World Alliance.

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By Marv Knox

Editor

SAN ANTONIO-A university conference room recently became a kaleidoscope of skin tones during a historic gathering of Texas Baptist leaders.

Book Reviews_30705

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Book Reviews

Let Us Break Bread Together By Rami Shapiro and Michael Smith
(Paraclete Press)

At dinner tables across America, Christians soon will learn more about their own faith as they participate in an ancient Jewish observance. They will gather for a Passover seder during Holy Week, which begins Palm Sunday, March 20. And they will depart with greater faith and understanding of their heritage.

Michael Smith, a Baptist pastor, and Rami Shapiro, a Jewish rabbi, wrote this book to help Christians celebrate the Passover meal—the original Lord's Supper shared by Jesus and his disciples the night before he died.



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

Their book is called a haggadah, Hebrew for "The Telling." It tells participants about the Passover meal, from its beginning among the Hebrew slaves fleeing Egypt to its re-enactment in homes today. As they follow the question-and-answer format, they will learn more about the Jewishness of Jesus and the context of their own faith.

Baptist Briefs_30705

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Baptist Briefs

CBF adds staff. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Coordinating Council elected Barbara Baldrige coordinator of global missions and hired Constance McNeill as coordinator of administration for the Fellowship's resource center in Atlanta. Baldrige, 54, was co-coordinator of CBF global missions with her husband, Gary, from 1999 until his retirement Dec. 31. She has been serving as acting coordinator since Jan. 1, and her election as sole coordinator is retroactive to that date. McNeill, 51, was vice president for development and chief operating officer of Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City.

Laity Institute names new director. Linda Cross has been elected director of the Texas Baptist Laity Institute by the group's board of directors. Cross has served as vice president of the institute since 2002. She first began working with the Laity Institute in 2000 as a mentor in the

pilot program at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas. Cross is a graduate of Baylor University with a master's degree in theological ethics. She is a member of Royal Lane Baptist Church of Dallas, where she teaches a Bible study and is a deacon.

Online registration open for SBC. Churches can register messengers to the 2005 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, June 21-22 in Nashville, Tenn., online at the SBC website, www.sbc.net. By registering online, the SBC website gives a church a "messenger reference number" form to be printed out and presented by each messenger at the SBC registration booth in exchange for a nametag and a set of ballots. The appropriate church-authorized representative must complete all online registration. The process includes entering information normally found on the traditional messenger card. Online registration ends at midnight June 18, after which registration must be done at the registration desk beginning at 4 p.m. June 19. Names can be added, edited and deleted up to June 18 as well.

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By Russ Dilday & Lance Wallace

Buckner News Service & Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

KANSAS CITY, Mo.-A major initiative designed to transform the lives of children and families domestically and abroad is being launched in 2005 through a partnership involving the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Buckner Baptist Benevolences.

Cartoon_30705

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"Regarding the idea of a pancake prayer breakfast ... I'm waffling."
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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.

Supreme Court considers top 10 reasons why U.S. is culturally divided_30705

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Supreme Court justices waded cautiously March 2 into one of the nation's most controversial issues-whether, and how, governmental displays of the Ten Commandments can ever be constitutional.