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Players and coaches from Howard Payne University and Hope College (Mich.) join hands to pray the Lord's Prayer at center court in Brownwood Coliseum moments after the HPU Lady Jacket's 53-49 win in the NCAA Division III women's basketball tournament. Of more than 3,800 women's and men's basketball teams at all levels of NCAA, NAIA and other intercollegiate associations in the nation, the Lady Jackets remain the only undefeated team with a 33-0 record. They won the NCAA Division III national championship. (Photo by Jessica Melendrez)

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By **Mike Lee**

Howard Payne University

BROWNWOOD—The two teams each carried a 30-0 record. The stakes were high. The intensity was undeniable.

The No. 2-ranked Howard Payne Lady Jackets hosted the No. 1 Hope College (Mich.) Flying Dutch in a physically punishing game that left HPU forward Hope Hohertz with a concussion and center Stacey Blalock with a black eye.

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Books for the Border brings

Bibles, books and smiles to Eagle Pass

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Books for the Border brings Bibles, books and smiles to Eagle Pass

By Carol Gene Graves

Literacy ConneXus

EAGLE PASS—Lester Meriwether believes every child deserves to grow up in a home with books.

So, when he and 10 other volunteers from Western Hills Baptist Church in Fort Worth traveled to Eagle Pass to work on homes still in need of repairs after a tornado last year, his group also helped build up the ability of those households to nurture learning.

Chris Cobb,
pastor of
Western
Hills
Baptist
Church in
Fort Worth,
chats with
Carol
Prevost of
the
Cooperative
Baptist
Fellowship
during a
family
reading fair
in Eagle
Pass.

DBU students plug in for a word from God

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

DALLAS—Dallas Baptist University is the first university to try a novel approach to connecting techno-savvy students with the word of God.

About 1,200 audio New Testaments were given to students at chapel on a compact disc recorded in an MP3 format. Students could then either listen to the CDs on their computers or download them to their personal MP3 players.

Worris Levine (left) and Kyle Worley of Dallas Baptist University enjoy listening to the New Testament on an MP3 player.

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Staff Writer

PLANO—Prairie Creek Baptist Church in Plano used a pairing of new and old technologies to meet the needs of people its pews and also those in its surrounding neighborhoods. Pastor Bobby Bressman likened the plan to respiration—Bible in, reach out.

Prairie Creek partnered with [Faith Comes By Hearing](#) to secure audio New Testaments for the congregation, recorded on CDs in an MP3 format. Church members were challenged to read or listen to the entire New Testament, memorize a promise of God and attend a small group Bible study once a week.

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Dallas Baptist University President Gary Cook (3rd from left) and his wife, Sheila (4th from left) pose with children Nicole Cook (left), her husband, David (2nd from left), and son, Mark (right) and David Hasan (2nd from right), who became a Christian during his time as an international student at DBU. In the process, the Cooks adopted him into their family, spending holidays with him and keeping in touch with him.

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

DALLAS—When Gary Cook became president of Dallas Baptist University 20 years ago at age 37, most of his friends counseled him against taking the position. They told him it was a career-killer. Some said the financially troubled school didn't have a prayer.

So, Cook immediately fixed that. As one of his first official acts, he established an on-campus prayer ministry.

Tornado destroys Alvarado church's meeting place, but worshippers still gather

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Only the doors were left standing after a tornado touched down in Alvarado, destroying the tent where Cowboy Way Church had been meeting. The congregation met three days after the storm for worship under clear blue skies.

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

ALVARADO—One Sunday, the chairs at Cowboy Way Church were arranged as usual, under the tent where the western-heritage church normally meets.

The next Sunday, Pastor Dan Haby welcomed worshippers to take as seat in “one of the most beautiful sanctuaries God could create”—under clear blue skies.

Missouri convention to appeal ruling in suit against agency

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By Vicki Brown

Associated Baptist Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ABP)—The Missouri Baptist Convention has filed notice that it will appeal [a judge's ruling](#) in its case against a formerly affiliated institution.

In a related ruling, Cole County Circuit Court Judge Richard Callahan on April 14 granted a stay in convention litigation against four other entities

until the appeal is complete.

Buckner honors Lubbock couple for consistent giving

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One Lubbock couple's consistent monthly donation added up for a ministry to children and families.

In 1973, Dennis and Ramonda Bingham sent their first \$5 check to Buckner Children's Home and established a giving legacy that lasted 35 years, or 420 months. It's the longest continuous string of giving ever recorded in the organization's 129-year history.

Dennis and Ramonda Bingham

Buckner International honored the Bingham, members of Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock, as the R.C. Buckner Philanthropists of the Year during the agency's annual Founder's Day dinner in Dallas.

“Ramonda and Dennis Bingham represent the essence of faithfulness,” Buckner President Ken Hall said. “Their consistency is a testimony for all of us and it is an encouragement to the ministry of Buckner.”

Missions conference challenges Christians to “Go. Be. Do.”

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Buckner
International
mission trip
coordinator
Jeremy Copeland
talks with Dallas
Baptist University
student Chris
Holloway about
upcoming mission
trips during the
“Go. Be. Do.”
Global Missions
Conference at
Park Cities Baptist
Church in Dallas.
(Photos by Analiz
Gonzalez/Buckner)

Missions conference challenges Christians to ‘Go. Be. Do.’

By Analiz González

Buckner International

DALLAS—More than 300 people attended Buckner International’s first-ever “Go. Be. Do.” Global Missions Conference at Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas.



Dickson
Masindano,
director of
Buckner in
Kenya,
talks about
needs in
Africa.

People from around the country gathered to hear Buckner directors from Latvia, Ethiopia, Mexico, Kenya, Russia, Romania, the U.S./Mexico border, Peru and Guatemala. The directors shared personal testimonies, described needs and told conference participants how they can get involved in missions.

Richmond seminary budget shortfall leads to faculty layoffs

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By Robert Dilday

Religious Herald

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP)—Faced with “worrisome” financial challenges, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond will downsize its faculty and staff, the school’s president announced.

Four full-time professors and at least three administrative staff members will be let go in an effort to reduce costs, said seminary President Ron Crawford, who was elected to his position about a year ago. Though he did not release the names of the professors to be dismissed, Crawford said he has communicated with each one, and the school is offering severance packages that exceed a full year’s salary and full personnel benefits.

BaptistWay Bible Series for April 27: Drifting toward disaster

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Drifting toward disaster

• 2 Kings 14:23-29; 15:8-10, 13-14, 17-30

[By Kenneth Jordan](#)