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By George Henson

Staff Writer

RICHARDSON-The Heights Baptist Church in Richardson not only has a plan to save souls, but it also has equipment and trained personnel to save lives.

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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

A committee working on new bylaws for the Baptist General Convention of Texas has agreed to include a provision calling for almost one-third of the organization's principal governing body to be non-Anglo.

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Youth across America will use Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 6, to collect money to help hungry and hurting people in their communities through Souper Bowl of Caring. In addition, many groups will collect money to provide aid for the tsunami and earthquake victims in Southern Asia. Youth collect money in large soup pots and then donate the funds to a charity in their community to help people living in poverty. In 2004, 12,750 groups collected more than \$4 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities. To learn more, call (800) 358-7687 or go to www.souperbowl.org.

 Hardin-Simmons University's Logsdon School of Theology will hold a

special missions emphasis Feb. 10. **Denton Lotz**, executive director of the Baptist World Alliance, will speak at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. He also will give a brief response at 2:45 p.m. and take part in a panel discussion at 3:45 p.m. **Don Sewell** of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, **Stan Parks** of WorldconneX and **Dellanna O'Brien** of Woman's Missionary Union will share their vision of partnering with BWA. There is no cost for the luncheon, but reservations must be made by calling (325) 670-1287.



A group of fourth-to-sixth grade children from The Heights Church in Richardson recently took toiletry items and gift bags to God's Food Pantry in Plano. The children also spent several hours packaging individual portions of food staples such as rice, beans and flour. The community outreach project was part of the church's Boot Camp program which meets on Wednesday evenings to teach basics of Christian living.

✘ **Diana Garland** has been named the first dean of the School of Social Work at Baylor University. Currently chair of social work, she will begin her term as dean in August. **Wallace Daniel**, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will step down in May after nine years as head of Baylor's largest academic unit to return to research and teaching, as will **Robert Yinger**, dean of the School of Education the past seven years. **David Garland** has resigned as associate dean of academic affairs at George Truett Theology Seminary after serving in that capacity since 2001.

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Baylor University has filed a lawsuit against a former Truett Theological Seminary student who is accused of sending lewd e-mails to employees and their families and fictitious news releases about the school to media outlets.

The *Waco Tribune-Herald* reported the university filed a suit in state district court, alleging Matthew Bass sent more than 1,000 e-mails containing pornographic images and messages to school personnel.

The university also obtained a restraining order against Bass, prohibiting

him from sending any e-mails to Baylor officials and their families.

Off the Bookshelf_12405

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Book Reviews

The Church of Irresistible Influence

by Robert Lewis (Zondervan)

Robert Lewis is pastor of a church in Little Rock, Ark., that several years ago would have been called “successful” by many.

Baptist Briefs_12405

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Baptist Briefs

Former Sunday School Board president's wife dies. Bettye Cothen died of Parkinson's disease in Miami, Fla., at age 83. A native of Chattanooga, Tenn., she was the wife of Grady Cothen, former president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. They were married 63 years. She was a former member of the board of trustees at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif. In addition to her husband, Cothen is survived by two daughters, Carole Shields of Westbrook of Miami and Mary Thompson of San Antonio; a son Grady Jr. of Cheverly, Md; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Southwestern names recruitment director. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has named James Caldwell of Heath, Ohio, as recruitment director both for the seminary and its undergraduate college, which is scheduled to begin classes in the fall. Caldwell also has been named to the newly created post of seminary minister of worship to oversee music and worship during chapel services. Caldwell has served 25 years as a pastor, minister of music and youth minister at churches in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Virginia.

Retired Southern Baptist educator dies. Longtime Southern Baptist educator and denominational leader Arthur Walker died Jan. 14 at his home in Birmingham, Ala., at age 78. Walker served as the executive director of two SBC agencies—the Education Commission and the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary. He held both positions from 1978 until his retirement in 1993. Both entities were dissolved in the mid-1990s under the SBC's restructuring plan. Earlier in his career, he served at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., first as dean of students and later as vice president for student affairs. Following

retirement, Walker returned to his native Birmingham and taught part-time at Samford University for several years. Survivors include his wife, Gladys; a daughter, Marcia Walker Hamby; a son-in-law, Pat Hamby; and three grandchildren, all of Birmingham; brothers Roy and Jimmy Walker, and a sister-in-law, Rochelle Walker.

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<p>Pastor Dave has a particularly difficult day with his sermon-writing.</p>
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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.

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2ND OPINION:

Taking a risk with God for women in ministry

by Roger Olsen

I surprise students by telling them I have belonged to two churches pastored by women—one in Minnesota and one now in Waco.

For approximately seven years, our family's pastor has been a woman. Then I say: "Don't get me wrong; we don't have anything against men in ministry. If God calls a man to preach, who are we to oppose that?" That always elicits a nervous chuckle from most students; a few women students are especially tickled by the joke. And, of course, it is said facetiously.

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DALLAS-Texas Cooperative Pro-gram receipts in 2004 exceeded budget for the first time in five years, said David Nabors, chief financial officer for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Cybercolumn by Berry D. Simpson: Ordinary men_12405

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CYBERCOLUMN:

Ordinary men

By Berry D. Simpson

Lately, I've spent a lot of time with the disciples of Jesus. At church, in my adult Bible study class, I've been teaching from the Gospel of Luke. In the Community Bible Study that Cyndi and I are doing together, we're studying the Gospel of John. I keep mixing the two gospels in my head, telling stories from one when thinking about the other.

I remember in my younger days when I first started reading the Bible on my own (it was a "Reach Out" copy of the Living New Testament), I saw the 12 apostles as larger-than-life heroes. They were brave men who left their families and careers behind to follow Jesus and then literally changed the world by sharing the gospel of Christ and establishing churches and writing their accounts.

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Thoroughly modern trip to the museum

If Molly and I appear more cultured these days, it's because we're more cultured these days.

Before my youngest daughter sped into her final semester of high school, she and I spent an afternoon with her cousin/my nephew Brian at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth.

Even if it didn't house a stick of art ("stick" being a not-too-strange substitute for some of this art), The Modern would be worth the trip. Its broad, open spaces and glass walls construct an architectural metaphor for the building's sunny, optimistic hometown. Three parallel wings jut into a reflecting pool, so the building seems to float on a placid sea. Could Cowtown be heaven? Well ... yeah.

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We can't wait for immigration reform

Try to imagine a long-term issue as vital to the future of Texas-and, not coincidentally, the United States-as immigration. OK; health care and education. But both of those big-ticket items will be impacted in one way or another by how well we solve our immigration crisis.

A package of articles in this issue of the Standard paints a face on immigration in Texas. The sheer numbers seem incomprehensible: More than 1 million residents of our state-about one in 20 people-are undocumented. In the harshest language, they're illegal aliens. That term, "illegal alien," sounds more like a creature from a sci-fi movie than the person who eats at the next table in the coffee shop, the child who sits next to your son or daughter in homeroom, the fellow who mows your neighbor's yard or the believer who receives the Lord's Supper with you on Sunday morning.

Segregated as we tend to be, most non-Hispanic Texans rarely, if ever, worship with undocumented workers and their children. But they are here, in Texas churches. They're sisters and brothers in Christ, like Ernesto and Maria, whose story is told elsewhere in our paper. Read about them ([click here](#)), and then come back. ...

