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By George Henson

Staff Writer

BEEVILLE-When Meaghen Chandler is asked to share her Christian testimony, she tells people she owes her faith to a place where she never lived-South Texas Children's Home in Beeville.

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By Marv Knox

Editor

FORT WORTH—"The worst thing in the world is a preacher trying to be funny," Brett Younger insists. "It's an affront to the seriousness of God."

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A new statistical analysis by an evangelical seminary professor suggests the abortion rate has risen under abortion opponent

President Bush, after falling for years under his pro-choice predecessor, Bill Clinton.

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Wilbur
Newton and
his wife,
Edith, (left)
and Kevin
Lyles, (right)
wrestled
with
questions of
conscience
and faith
before going
to China to
seek an
experimental
treatment
for ALS
using tissue
from aborted
fetuses. Both
families are
Baptists
from Grove
Hill, Ala.
(Dan
Anderson
Photos)

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By Karen Tolkinen

Religion News Service

GROVE HILL, Ala. (RNS)-Wilbur Newton has traveled to a fearsome destination.

Around the State_110104

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Around the State

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor has announced several additions to its faculty, including **Edwin Armstrong**, associate professor of computer science; **Courtney Burken**, program director for the athletic training education program in the exercise and sport science department; **Tawny Lamb**, assistant professor of computer science; **Mary Last**, associate professor of computer information systems; **Anne Price**, head of public services at the Townsend Memorial Library; and **Leigh Shaver**, assistant professor in nursing.

✖ Two East Texas Baptist University faculty members have earned doctoral degrees. **Sherlynn Byrd** received a doctorate in mass communication media arts from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

She is chair of the department of communication, teaching at ETBU since 2002. **Donna Lubcker** earned a doctorate in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis on reading from Louisiana Tech University. Lubcker, an assistant professor of teacher education, joined the faculty in 1998.



Hundreds of men and women helped Union Association's Woman's Missionary Union celebrate its 100th anniversary recently. An afternoon of remembrance of the organization's ministry was held at Sagemont Church in Houston. One of the featured speakers of the day was longtime WMU leader Virginia Marshall at age 97. Pictured with some of the refreshments is associational WMU Executive Director Chris Measures.

✕ Hardin-Simmons University has announced its adjunct faculty. In the school of nursing are **Patti Esposito, John Little, Sharon Woodrum, Sharon Willerton, Jo Rake, Tamara Luedtke, Stephanie Jones, Rebecca Leggett** and **Lisa Van Cleve**. Teaching in the liberal arts area are **Tony Berry, Danny Flanagan, Sherry Griffith, Tim Sutherland, Alicia Grimes, Nancy Patrick, Becky Harrison, Nancy Lewis-Means, John Neese** and **Jennifer Smotherman**. In the school of sciences and mathematics are **Teril Bundrant, Samuel Brinkman, Vickie Cardot, Brian Brewer, Rosemaria Levinsky, Glen Funkey, J. Patrick Miller, Wendi Moran** and **Connie Stephens**. Teaching in the school of education are **Jim Boggs, Melody Bynum, Judy Credicott, Tracey Garcia, D.J. Gilliland, Steve Gray, Todd Hamilton, Lauren Harris, Brenda LaFollette, Ty Lang, Cindy Mundschenk, Martha Murphy, Linda Neal, Hubert Pickett, Brittoni Reynolds, Melissa San Angelo, Dustin Sanderson, Maurice Simmons, Jack Stuard** and **Penny Vieau**. In the theology school are **Ken Bradshaw, Vernon Davis, Jay Farrar, Wilma Heflin, Ron Lyles, Kelly Piggott, Mike Patrick** and **Jerry Self**. **Douglas McIntyre, Philip Morehead** and **Darrell Wood** are teaching in the school of business. In the school of music are **Shirley Anderson, Jeff Cottrell, Cathy Fowlkes, Barbara Josenhans, Dan Mitchell, Natalie Steele, Marcia Straughn, Allen Teel** and **Mona Wilson**. **Teresa Ellis** will serve in the Richardson Library.

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2 Corinthians 9:6-15

By Todd Still

Truett Seminary, Waco

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By Ken Camp

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WACO-Baylor University regents took no action at their Oct. 22 meeting on a motion introduced one month earlier calling for President Robert Sloan's resignation. Instead, they focused on raising tuition 6.4 percent for the 2005-2006 school year.

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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

GRAND PRAIRIE-Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie has introduced new horse race betting machines, and gambling foes have voiced concern.

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Texas Baptist Communications

SAN ANTONIO-The president and executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas will discuss elements of a proposed strategic plan in workshops at the beginning of the BGCT annual session Nov. 8 in San Antonio.

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SAN ANTONIO-Everyone who buys a book at this year's Baptist General Convention of Texas meeting will be making a contribution to missions.

For the first time, the BGCT will operate its own bookstore during the annual meeting.

All funds raised above costs will be "reinvested in missions and ministry efforts," said Becky Bridges, director of the BGCT Communications Center.

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Baptist Briefs

New York Baptists choose executive director. The executive board of

the Baptist Convention of New York elected long-time pastor Terry Robertson as the fifth executive director of the 35-year-old convention. He will succeed J.B. Graham on Graham's retirement Nov. 5. The convention includes 394 churches in New York, northern New Jersey and southwestern Connecticut, representing 25,000 church members. The 50-year-old Robertson, pastor of Madison (N.J.) Baptist Church, has been a pastor, church planter and associational missionary in New York. He has served as the New York representative on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee since 1995 and was on the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Nominations in 2002. He served on the executive board of the Baptist Convention of New York from 1995 to 1998. A native of Alabama, Robertson is a graduate of Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Robertson and his wife, Elizabeth, have three sons.

Baldrige to leave shared CBF post. Gary Baldrige, who with his wife, Barbara, has led the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's global missions effort for five years, will leave CBF at the end of the year to return to a career in writing. CBF Coordinator Daniel Vestal told the group's Coordinating Council Barbara Baldrige will become interim coordinator Jan. 1, assuming the duties she now shares with her husband. He expressed hope she would be elected sole missions coordinator. Gary Baldrige, 53, a newspaper reporter before becoming a missionary more than 25 years ago, plans to do freelance magazine journalism and will try to publish a novel and screenplay he has written. The Baldridges served as Southern Baptist missionaries 17 years in Zambia and several other countries, resigning in 1994 to go to work for the Fellowship.

Couple's gift establishes lecture. Walter and Kay Shurden of Macon, Ga., gave \$100,000 to the Baptist Joint Committee to establish an annual lectureship on religious liberty and church-state separation. Designed to

enhance the ministry and programs of the Baptist Joint Committee, the Shurden Lectures will be held at Mercer University every three years and at another seminary, college or university the other years. The first lecture is planned for either 2006 or 2007 at Mercer.

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By Russ Dilday

Buckner News Service

DALLAS—Buckner Orphan Care International recently presented the mayor-governor of Kirkuk, Iraq, with 7,000 pairs of new children's shoes and 10,000 pairs of socks.