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Guatemala
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describes
the
children's
homes in
her area as
"cages of
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where basic
needs are
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family.
(Felicia
Fuller
Photos)

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By Felicia Fuller

Buckner News Service

GUATEMALA CITY, Guate-mala-Their stories are heartbreaking. A boy suffers severe hip displacement from repeated sexual abuse by an older sibling. Brothers coerced by their mother to beg for money in bars are abducted by two criminals, assaulted and dumped in a cemetery. Children are forced to drop out of grammar school to help support their family.

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CLARENDON-Donley County may claim a population of only 3,200 people, but more than 600 recently made spiritual decisions during a five-night

crusade.

The Go Tell GreenBelt Crusade saw 349 people make first-time professions of faith in Jesus Christ at the Clarendon football stadium.

Crusade Chairman Eddie Helms, a deacon at First Baptist Church in Clarendon, worked on crusade planning and preparation for more than a year.

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FORT WORTH (ABP)-Claude Thomas, who recently resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church of Euless, to become chaplain and special assistant to the president at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has abruptly declined the new position.

Within days of Thomas' accepting the Southwestern job, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported the 8,500-member Tarrant County church was

investigating the pastor's spending history.

The review found no missing money and concluded many of the church's financial practices are sound, but it raised questions about Thomas' spending during a 2002 overseas trip and about a lax credit card policy, the newspaper reported.

Claude Thomas

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Clyde Hart is in his 43rd year as track coach at Baylor University.

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By Toby Druin

Editor Emeritus

WACO—Maybe it was coincidence, but more likely divine intervention. That's how Clyde Hart describes a trip from Hot Springs, Ark., to Glorieta, N.M., in 1952 that led through Waco and to his becoming a student at Baylor University instead of Louisiana State University.

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At its regularly scheduled fall meeting, the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board approved committee members recommended by the board's nominating committee.

Administrative Committee

Term to expire in 2007: Dan Malone, First Baptist Church, El Paso; Nolan Duck, First Baptist Church, Lufkin; J.C. Parmer, First Baptist

Church, Vernon; Cherry Peach, Avenue Baptist Church, Hereford; Rogelio Rodriguez, Segunda Iglesia Bautista, Rosenberg

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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

SAN ANTONIO—Most Americans no longer believe deeply in democracy—at least, not if their actions reflect their beliefs, a new report on Christian citizenship concludes.

Denton church adjusts to growing community, growing number of challenges_110104

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By Karen Willoughby

Baptist Press

DENTON (BP)—First Baptist Church in Denton has a brand-new purpose statement: “To love and serve the Lord so we can reach and influence our community and the world for Christ.”

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DOWN HOME: They're retiring; not from ministry

The sun set on an era of church history Sunday, Oct. 31.

The Roman Catholic Church didn't select a new pope. Billy Graham didn't pass his mantle to "the next Billy Graham." All the Muslims didn't convert to Christianity. And, unfortunately, nobody settled the hymns vs. praise choruses "worship wars."

No, 10/31/04 won't get written up in church history textbooks. But it's a significant day nonetheless: My father, Marvin Knox, retired from the pastorate.

EDITORIAL: Our next president should restore civility to

America_110104

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EDITORIAL:

Our next president should restore civility to America

The past few weeks, have you sometimes felt battered and bruised when you clicked your TV set off? Did your ears feel assaulted as you left your business breakroom or lunchtime diner? Have you had a tension headache after Sunday school? Did your pulse pound when you read the letters to the editor in this newspaper?

You know what I'm talking about: Incivility anxiety. It's the ferocious unease millions of Americans have suffered because of this down-and-dirty political season.

If you've traveled in any of the so-called battleground states, you've seen this played out. TV ads have competed for voters, challenging them to choose George W. Bush or John Kerry. And from what we hear, most of those ads have taken the low road, mongering fear and suspicion for the sake of ballots. Although no one doubts where Texas' electoral college votes will go, we haven't been exempt from the mayhem. Thanks to re-gerrymandered congressional districts, we've heard incumbents verbally bludgeon one another for the opportunity to return to Washington and represent us in Congress.

**Whether it's
George W.
Bush or John
Kerry, our next
president
better give
attention to
restoring
civility to
America. It's a
moral,
spiritual,
political and
social problem
that deserves
his best
efforts.**

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<p>Wesley Shotwell of Azle, vice chairman of the BGCT Executive Board, responds to criticisms of proposed changes in governance.</p>	<p>Charles Davenport of Tulia urges the Executive Board to send the governance proposal back to committee for one year.</p>

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By Marv Knox

Editor

The most significant reorganization of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in five decades has cleared another hurdle.

LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Nov. 7: Make following Christ the focus of your ministry_110104

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Make following Christ the focus of your ministry

Luke 9:51-10:42

By Pakon Chan

Chinese Baptist Church, Arlington

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Guard against becoming resistant to wonder

Psalm 104:1-5, 13-15, 24, 27-30

By Angela Hamm

First Baptist Church, Lewisville