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By Felicia Fuller

Buckner News Service

ANTIGUA, Guatemala—At the Manchin Girls' Home in Antigua, structure is part of the strategy to give girls a fighting chance to succeed against tremendous odds.

Emergent church signals change in preaching, not just music, speakers say_110104

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By Craig Bird

Baylor University

WACO—Maybe the pulpit is a safe-house in the worship wars—at least for now.

Hispanic Baptist Laity Convocation_110104

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Hispanic Baptist Laity Convocation

About 500 Hispanic Baptist

Men from throughout
Texas gathered at Highland
Lakes Baptist Encampment

near Austin for the

Hispanic Baptist

Convocation of the Laity.

Roland Lopez (above,
right), pastor of Northwest
Hispanic Baptist Church in
San Antonio, speaks about
"Leadership for the Future"
during the convocation. In
addition to hearing several

keynote speakers,
participants were trained
through a series of
breakout sessions on topics
including church planting,

Royal Ambassadors
ministries, disaster relief,
leadership and music
ministry. Coordinator Eli
Rodriguez of Dallas said
the convocation has met its
goals for the year-to train
more than 1,000 Baptist
men and to help more than
100 churches structure
their Brotherhood
organizations. (Eric Guel

Photos)

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Korean Texas Baptists spearhead partnership to send food to North Korea_110104

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Texas Baptist Men recently donated \$10,000 for food in North Korea to help vast numbers of people who are starving to death.

Texas Baptist Forum_110104

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Hostility toward religion

Perhaps the reason so many Americans believe that church-state separation has become “too severe” (Oct. 4) is that it has become an excuse for government-sponsored hostility toward religious expression, in spite of constitutional protections.

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Thomas Jefferson's famous “wall” represented his own opinion in 1802. The Supreme Court did not use Jefferson's phrase in reference to the First Amendment until 1879, and it was not elevated to constitutional authority until 1947. Since then, it has been used as the basis for government-sponsored hostility toward religion, religious expression and religious practice.

I'm not advocating a return to the excesses of the 17th and 18th centuries, against which the framers of the Constitution wrote the First Amendment. I just want an end to the overt hostility that our governments at all levels frequently demonstrate toward what has become the unwanted stepchild of civil rights-freedom of religion.

Speakers sound alarm Respond to needs of changing world_110104

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Jerry
Dailey,
pastor of
Macedonia
Baptist
Church in
San
Antonio,
emphasizes
the vital
importance
of
cooperation
and
diversity in
missions.
(Russ
Dilday
Photo)

Speakers sound alarm: Respond to needs of changing world

By **Marv Knox**

Editor

SAN ANTONIO—Christians need to ask, “So what?” to determine how they should love and engage the world, Albert Reyes told participants at the We Love Missions Conference in San Antonio.

Conference showcases missions ventures involving the Fellowship_110104

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SAN ANTONIO—The We Love Missions conference provided a showcase for ventures sponsored or supported by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

CBF joined Buckner Children & Family Services in partnering with Kids Hope USA to match church volunteers with school students in a one-hour-a-

week mentoring program.

CBF Global Missions Co-coordinator Barbara Baldrige, Buckner Children & Family Services Vice President Felipe Garza and Kids Hope USA Founder Virgil Gulker signed a three-year agreement that calls for the Fellowship to provide mentors from churches to 150 children in San Antonio, Dallas/Fort Worth, Waco and Lufkin.

New Wayland music lab_110104

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New Wayland music lab

Robert Black
(seated), assistant
professor of music
at Wayland Baptist
University,
demonstrates the
new Jones-Franklin
Music Technology
Lab to (left to right)
Wayland President
Paul Armes, Chief
Financial Officer
Jim Smith, and vice
presidents Claude
Lusk and Bill
Hardage. The lab
was made possible
by anonymous
donations along
with the Helen
Jones Foundation
and the James and
Yvonne Franklin
family. The music
lab, complete with
15 keyboard
stations and an
instructor's station,
was installed
before the fall
semester.

BGCT offers partnering ministry grants_110104

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BGCT offers partnering ministry grants

The Baptist General Convention of Texas is offering grants of up to \$1,000 to partnering congregations looking to start new ministries.

Partnering churches must be made up primarily of members from different ethnic groups. For example, an African-American church could partner with a Korean congregation or an Anglo congregation could cooperate with a Sudanese church.

The new ministry or event must be culturally appropriate to the community. Suggested projects should be planned to take place within 12 months of funding. Applications for the grants can be found at www.texastapestry.org, or requested at (214) 828-5379. The submission deadline is March 30, 2005. Decisions about the applications will be made by the end of April 2005.

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'God is not nice,' nor is he one of us, theologian insists

By Bob Smietana

Religion News Service

CHICAGO—Contrary to popular belief, God is not an American, one of us, religious or a capitalist. He's not very nice either, says Stephen Long.

Nominees named for BGCT boards & committees_110104

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Nominees named for BGCT boards & committees

The following information is provided in compliance with the bylaws of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Nominations to be considered by messengers to the BGCT annual session in San Antonio, Nov. 8-9, are presented by the Committee to Nominate Executive Board Members, the Committee on Committees, the Committee to Nominate Coordinating Boards and the Committee on Nominations for Institution Boards.

Key: # new member/trustee/ regent; % non-church/denominational employee; ^ elected by BGCT; + elected by institution board; @ elected at an Executive Board meeting and must be elected at convention; E/one-year extended term

Executive Board

On the Move_110104

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On the Move

Greg Ammons to First Church in Garland as pastor from Faith Church in Iowa Park.

 **Jeff Baergen** to San Marcos Academy in San Marcos as director of

admissions.

 **Lloyd Christensen** to First Church in Quinlan as pastor.