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By John Pierce

Baptists Today

AMERICUS, Ga.-Millard Fuller, the Baptist layman who founded Habitat for Humanity International with his wife, Linda, in 1976, will relinquish the title of chief executive officer but continue as “founding president” of the housing ministry.

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Dawn Larley (left) of Handley Baptist Church in Fort Worth cleans the kitchen of fellow church member Geneva Moore (middle). Handley Pastor Robert Bennett (right) rakes the yard

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

FORT WORTH-Sixty members of Handley Baptist Church recently converged to turn a house back into a home.

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The Texas Baptist Historical Society at its fall meeting in San Antonio will examine how Baptist associations have handled issues of doctrinal diversity.

Paul Stripling, director of missions emeritus of Waco Baptist Association, will present the program, focusing on ways associations have dealt with topics such as charismatic worship, alien immersion and the ordination of women.

The society's lunch meeting will be at 10:45 a.m., Nov. 8 in San Antonio's Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center, prior to the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting.

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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptists Communications

BANGALORE, India-A 4-year-old boy in Bangalore, India, who was born with his feet turned backwards can walk today because of a ministry supported through the Texas Baptist Offering for World Hunger.

Christians from Iraq flee rising Islamic fundamentalism_101804

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By Dale Gavlak

Religion News Service

AMMAN, Jordan (RNS)—Iraqi Christians flocked to the Latin Catholic church in the Hashmi district of the Jordanian capital, a drab working-class area, where they celebrated Mass in the ancient Chaldean language.

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PINEVILLE, La. (ABP)-Trustees of Louisiana College announced that Malcolm Yarnell of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will be the embattled school's eighth president.

Yarnell, assistant dean of theological studies and associate professor of systemic theology at Southwestern Seminary, was offered the job after a closed-door session of trustees.

"Today is a great day for the college," emphasized Ed Tarpley of Pineville, La., who headed the presidential search committee.

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Jonathan Marin
hugs Decisions for
Life program
director Christina
Diaz in celebration
of his selection to
the advisory panel
for the National
Campaign to
Prevent Teen
Pregnancy. He is
the only Texan
among the 22 youth
named to the
working group
which will meet in
Washington, D.C.,
three times during
their 18-month
service. They also
will serve as
national spokesmen
for media outlets.
(Craig Bird Photo)

Sexual abstinence program changes teen's life

By Craig Bird

Baptist Child & Family Services

SAN ANTONIO—Four years ago, Jonathan Marin didn't know what an abstinence program was. Today, he's a nationally recognized leader in the effort to lower the incidence of pregnancy among teenagers, and he credits a program of Baptist Child & Family Services with changing his life.

‘Godfather’ of Religious Right dead in Memphis_101804

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'Godfather' of Religious Right dead in Memphis at age 78

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A Southern Baptist layman credited with being the “godfather” of the modern Religious Right is dead at age 78.

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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

NEW YORK (ABP)—Christian leaders from around the world are launching a major anti-poverty initiative this month in New York City with an ambitious goal—to cut worldwide poverty in half by 2015.

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DALLAS—Guidelines adopted by the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board that require members of new churches to affirm biblical inerrancy and male-only deacons will not impact church-starting efforts funded through the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Executive Director Charles Wade insists.

“Texas Baptists have their eyes firmly set on a path that leads to hundreds of new churches in coming years,” Wade said. “Our church starters will continue to help open congregation doors under the same standards and requirements that we have used for years.”

Mission board trustees voted Oct. 6 to approve a 34-page document titled “Ecclesiological Guidelines to Inform Southern Baptist Church Planters.”

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Dwight Foster has resigned as pastor of Primera Iglesia in Goliad.

♦ **Greg Horn** to Bois D'Arc Creek Cowboy Church in Fannin County as interim pastor.

♦ **Jerry Hutchings** has resigned as pastor of Oaklawn Church in Texarkana.

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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A new survey commissioned by an Islamic civil-rights group offers both good news and bad for American Muslims.