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SAN ANGELO—Southland Baptist Church is digging deep to continue the growth of its commitment to missions.

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By Greg Warner

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (ABP) — Hurricane Frances, historic in size if not strength, crossed all three coasts of Florida over Labor Day weekend, damaging buildings — including several churches — and leaving an estimated 5 million people without power.

This second major hurricane to pound the state in 23 days moved slower than Hurricane Charley, the more powerful category 3 storm that slashed the state from southwest to northeast on Friday, Aug. 13. But the size and longevity of Frances — more than 250 miles across and 30-plus hours in duration — stretched the state's resources and nerves to the limit. The category 2 hurricane, forced the evacuation of a record 2.8 million people and at times covered the entire Florida peninsula,

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DALLAS—A veteran missions leader, a former theological educator, a longtime Dallas business leader and a retired Baptist newspaper editor received top honors at the recent Texas Baptist Heritage awards banquet.

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FORT WORTH-Visionary Christian leaders in America's pulpits, courthouses and statehouses can transform the nation and change the world, televangelist Jerry Falwell told students at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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LUBBOCK-Few people would be surprised to see a Christian worldview

permeate the academic experience at a school like Wayland Baptist University. But many may be surprised to know that Islam, Buddhism and other religions have a presence, too.

Around the State_90604

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Around the State

Two Texans were among 17 chaplains and pastoral counselors endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship last month. **Wayne Boyd** and **Robert Williams** both serve as U.S. Army chaplains; Boyd in Fort Worth and Williams at Fort Hood.

- ♦ **Shane Williford** has been named men's and women's tennis coach at Hardin-Simmons University, replacing **Jimmy Cole** who resigned this summer. Williford had been head tennis coach at Howard Payne University.



Tony Neal, pastor of Mildred Church in Corsicana, (right) prepares to baptize Debbie Adams and her husband, Jeff. The church baptized several people that day following an evening of gospel music, preaching and a dessert social. The church met on Deacon Richard Rash's property.

♦ **Martin Bressler**, professor of entrepreneurship and marketing at Houston Baptist University, was named a “Houston Hero” in entrepreneurship by the Services Cooperative Association. The award is given to recognize continued “dedicated commitment in empowering Houston's emerging entrepreneurs.” Bressler joined the faculty in 2001.

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Editor

Strategic proposals to reorganize the Baptist General Convention of Texas are overdue, dramatic and necessary, BGCT President Ken Hall believes.

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Local churches—not the Baptist General Convention of Texas—command the lion's share of attention in documents that could guide the state convention

through the coming decades.

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Baptist Briefs

ASCAP recognizes seminary professors. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary professors Michael Cox and Mac Davis have been recognized by the American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers for their contributions to the growth and development of music in America. Cox has been professor of music theory and composition in the seminary's School of Church Music since 1990. He is a member of the College Music Society and the American Choral Directors' Association Conductors Guild. This is the 11th time Cox has been selected for the ASCAP Award. Davis has been with Southwestern since 1979. Currently, he is professor of music theory and composition and chair of the School of Church Music's department of music and composition. This is his second ASCAP award. ASCAP awards are granted by an independent panel comprised of music critics, journalists, music professionals and educators. The awards are based upon the prestige value of each candidate's catalog of original compositions as well as recent performances.

Former IMB journalist joins N.C. staff. Mike Creswell, a 24-year veteran of the International Mission Board, will join the staff of the Baptist

State Convention of North Carolina to become senior consultant for Cooperative Program missions giving. He will promote the convention's four giving plans, which include the traditional Cooperative Program contributions associated with the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as options for supporting other Baptist entities and mission causes. The new position was approved two years ago, but Creswell is the first person hired to fill the position. He worked in the public relations department of the South Carolina Baptist Convention from 1974 to 1980, then joined the IMB as associate editor of The Commission magazine from 1980 to 1988. Since then, he has worked with the IMB as an overseas correspondent and communications consultant, reporting on mission work in Europe, Northern Africa and the Middle East. Creswell and his wife, Christie, lived in Belgium 10 years, and have been in England the past five years. They have two grown daughters, Kelli and Tara.

Carson-Newman student killed. An international student at Carson-Newman College—a Baptist school in Jefferson City, Tenn.—died Aug. 23 from injuries she received in an attack on a street in Senegal. Ten days earlier, Du-Jae Lee was in Senegal helping a friend hail a cab on a nearly deserted street when a man grabbed her from the rear seat of a passing Mercedes sedan. She was dragged down the street until the attackers decided just to steal her purse. As she was pushed away from the vehicle, she hit her head on the pavement and suffered massive trauma. She underwent surgery Aug. 15 but later died from her injuries. Lee was born in Bonn, Germany, had South Korean citizenship, and considered Dakar, Senegal, where her parents are Presbyterian missionaries, as her home.

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