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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

Anglos no longer make up a majority of the Texas population, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas is racing to meet the needs of a demographically changing state.

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## **BGCT-endorsed chaplains top 200; most are first-time**

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DALLAS-The Baptist General Convention of Texas has endorsed more than 200 chaplains, and most are first-time endorsements.

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BELTON—Keeping people's needs at the forefront of ministry can make hospital visits more comfortable for patients and ministers, two veteran Texas Baptist chaplains insist.

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**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

WICHITA FALLS—Colonial Baptist Church in Wichita Falls made a splash this summer with a baptismal service at the city's new water park.

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# **ANOTHER VIEW: Church directories & U.S. politics\_90604**

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## **ANOTHER VIEW: Church directories & U.S. politics**

**By Melissa Rogers**

Little did we churchgoers know that high-powered political operatives would one day take a keen interest in those dog-eared church directories in our kitchen drawers.

Melissa Rogers
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As has been widely reported, the campaign to re-elect President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney has produced materials informing “coalition coordinators” that one of their “duties” is: “Send your Church Directory to your State Bush-Cheney 04 Headquarters or give to a BC04 Field Rep.”

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# **DOWN HOME: What big teeth you have, Satan\_90604**

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## **DOWN HOME: What big teeth you have, Satan**

Have you ever been pursued by Satan?

It happened to me the other night. I now can attest that—at least sometimes—Beelzebub wears black fur and flashes a menacing grin.

My encounter with the devil occurred about sunset, during what I generously refer to as my “evening run.”

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## **EDITORIAL: Demographic data point to needs\_90604**

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## **EDITORIAL:**

### **Demographic data point to needs**

Texas' demographic trends have been both fascinating and disturbing lately.

Most fascinating: Our Lone Star State no longer claims a majority population. A U.S. Census Bureau survey revealed Anglos ceased being the majority ethnic group in Texas sometime last year—for the first time since at least 1845, when Texas became a state.

Texas is about 49.5 percent Anglo, 35.3 percent Hispanic, 10.8 percent African-American, 3 percent Asian-American and 1.4 percent others.

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## **EDITORIAL: Will the ‘crops’ be watered\_90604**

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### **Will the 'crops' be watered?**

During the bountiful years of my youth in Perryton, the “Wheatheart of the Nation,” harvest usually was about the best time of year. On those occasions when the rains arrived at just the right time and the hordes of

bugs and pestilence of hail stayed away, we rejoiced at the abundance of grain God bestowed on all our farms. I remember one great year when the grain elevators filled up, and the farmers dumped the excess wheat down the middle of Amherst Street.

Of course, a successful harvest also represented months of hard work. Farmers tilled and planted and fertilized and weeded and irrigated and sometimes grazed cattle in their fields. Even when the ground was too wet to work, they repaired machinery, tended to their finances and prepared for the next day. Along the way, farmers and townsfolk alike prayed and prayed for heavenly harvests. Growing up in a small farming community is a spiritual experience; even the backsliders pray for good crops.

The Apostle Paul understood farm life. He used the plant ... water ... harvest cycle as a metaphor for ministry: Each Christian has a role to fill, and God gives the spiritual harvest. Paul's words, "Plant ... Water ... Harvest," provide the theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Texas Missions, beginning next Sunday, and the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions.

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## **Children find hope for a new school year at backpack bash\_90604**

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# Children find hope for a new school year at backpack bash

By **Miranda Bradley**

*Texas Baptist Children's Home & Family Services*




ROUND ROCK-Like a child on Christmas morning opening a present, Jessica peeked into her brand-new backpack and pulled out all its contents.

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## Texas offers theology students multiple-choice answers\_90604

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## Texas offers theology students



# multiple-choice answers

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

Thirty years ago, when a Texas Baptist minister spoke of going to “the seminary,” nearly everyone assumed he would load a moving van and head for Fort Worth.

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ARLINGTON—Leaders of the B.H. Carroll Institute see their institution as

filling a distinctive niche in seminary education.

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Leland Harden  
(left), director of  
communications  
at Hardin-  
Simmons  
University in  
Abilene, visits  
with Forrest  
McMillan, dean  
of students, as  
they walk across  
campus. Harden  
came to the  
HSU staff after  
20 years as an  
entrepreneur in  
the tech field.  
(Ferrell Foster  
Photos)

## Two Hardin-Simmons staff go from marketplace to campus

**By Ferrell Foster**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

ABILENE—Thousands of students graduate each year from Texas Baptist universities. Years later, some of them come back.