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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

MANSFIELD-In 2002, a group of Texas Baptist church leaders made an initial trip to minister in Nigeria with the help of funds from the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions.

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ATHENS, Greece-Jeremy Wariner, a junior at Baylor University, ran a personal best 44.0 to win the gold medal in the 400 meters and lead the United States to a sweep in the event at the Olympic Games.

Americans Otis Harris and Derrick Brew completed the 1-2-3 finish in the race, with Harris coming in second at 44.16 and Brew taking third at 44.42.

Wariner, from Grand Prairie, follows in the footsteps of former Baylor student and current 400-meter world record holder Michael Johnson.

Baylor University's Jeremy Wariner wins the 400-meter race ahead of teammate Otis Harris, who won silver at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens. (Newhouse News Service/Chris Faytok/The Star-Ledger Photo)

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By Chris Turner

LifeWay Christian Resources

ATHENS, Greece (BP)-The 10th anniversary of the True Love Waits sexual purity movement culminated in the shadow of one of the ancient world's most impressive ruins, once a site of hedonistic indulgence.

Texas WMU volunteers in Athens urge Olympic visitors to enter heavenly race_90604

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By Julie Carlson

Baylor University

ATHENS, Greece—Millions watched while some of the world's greatest athletes raced for Olympic medals. But three Texas women journeyed to Athens to talk to people about a different kind of race—the one the Apostle Paul described in the ninth chapter of the New Testament book of 1 Corinthians.

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Ken Andress to First Church in Albany as interim pastor.

- ◆ **Ivan Birch** has resigned as pastor of Second Church in Ranger.
- ◆ **Larry Carson** to First Church in Ralls as pastor from Emmanuel Church in Hoensbroek, Netherlands.

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

ABILENE-Counselors in Abilene are praying play time will become healing time for troubled children.

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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-A new poll suggests American voters hold complex-and seemingly contradictory-views on religion and politics.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)-Vice President Dick Cheney surprised many of his and President Bush's most conservative supporters by publicly differing with the president on the issue of same-sex marriage.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)-An elections panel in Michigan and a state judge in Louisiana have presented obstacles to same-sex marriage bans in those states.

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By Bob Smietana

Religion News Service

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (RNS)- Stop by a typical church on a weekday night, and you might find an Alcoholics Anonymous group or Boy Scout troop meeting there. At Faithful Central Bible Church, you just might find Madonna.

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BARTOW, Fla.-Long after the rain caused by Hurricane Charley stopped, Texas Baptist Men quietly continued meeting needs in the wake of the storm that blasted the Western Florida coast in mid-August. And they prepared for the arrival of Hurricane Frances.

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AUSTIN-A Texas state agency has assigned a job to churches-help connect needy people to governmental assistance programs.