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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

WACO-Literacy ConneXus, a ministry to encourage churches to reach people by teaching them to read and write, has been launched by the Baptist General Convention of Texas Missions Equipping Center and Baylor University.

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A volunteer  
teaches  
adults to  
read and  
write  
through an  
innovative  
family  
literacy  
program co-  
sponsored  
by Baylor  
University.

# Innovative literacy program offers hope to Waco families

**By Sarah Farris**

*BGCT Summer Intern*

WACO—The words “Yes You Can, Si Se Puede” frame a large wall at Cesar Chavez Middle School in Waco.

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# **Malpractice crisis limits care for patients in free clinics\_72604**

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**By Kirsten Pasha**

*Associated Baptist Press*

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (ABP)-High-priced malpractice insurance, which is prompting many physicians across the country to reduce their practices or leave the field, also is limiting health care for patients who use free and Christian-operated clinics.

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## **Judiciary committee sends Marriage Protection Act of 2004**

# to House floor\_72604

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**By Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

WASHINGTON (ABP)-The same day a gay-marriage ban failed to move forward in the Senate, a different approach to opposing same-sex nuptials passed a House committee.

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## Churches minister to isolated Mexican Indians\_72604

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# Indians

**By Ferrell Foster**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

GUAGUACHIQUE, Mexico—Three Texas churches have their mission eyes looking steadily southward, and they've banded together to reach a people group that years ago fled to the isolation of Mexico's mountains.

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## **STEVE MUNSON: Frontline ministry\_72604**

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Chaplain  
Steve  
Munson,  
pastor of  
Grace  
Fellowship  
Baptist  
Church in  
Fort  
Worth,  
conducts  
an  
outdoor  
worship  
service in  
Iraq  
during his  
14-month  
tour of  
duty. He  
served as  
chaplain  
to the  
607th  
Military  
Police  
Battalion.

**STEVE MUNSON:**

# Frontline ministry

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

FORT WORTH-Steve Munson doesn't feel comfortable in his bed just yet, but his pulpit fits fine.

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The need for more congregations can be summed up in several ways, but the bottom line is new churches mean more people come to know Christ,

according to Texas Baptist leaders.

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# **New Orleans Seminary trustees will weigh sole membership alternatives\_72604**

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary trustees apparently will weigh alternatives to sole membership during their October meeting, according to comments by the trustee chairman reported in the New Orleans Times-Picayune newspaper.

Messengers to the SBC annual meeting in Indianapolis voted this summer to ask seminary trustees to adopt sole membership. Sole membership seeks to clarify—in legal language—that the convention owns all of its entities.

The other five seminaries previously have adopted sole membership, as have the North American Mission Board, International Mission Board, LifeWay Christian Resources, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission and Annuity Board.



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# On the Move\_72604

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## On the Move

**Mike Acker** has resigned as minister of youth at College Heights Church in Cleburne.

♦ **Mike Auten** to First Church in Clyde as minister of education and administration.

♦ **David Brackett** to First Church in Randolph as pastor from Parker Grove Church in Ravenna.

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# Texas cowboy churches successfully rounding up lost strays\_72604

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The Baptist  
General  
Convention  
of Texas  
recently  
bought a  
trailer to  
haul  
several  
cowboys  
and their  
horses  
around the  
state  
probing  
areas for  
western  
heritage  
individuals.

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Open Range Cowboy Church is one of the latest rapidly growing ventures in an expanding Baptist General Convention of Texas cowboy church starting effort, where the extraordinary is becoming commonplace.

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# **Worshippers saddle up for new life at Open Range Church\_72604**

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The  
Open  
Range  
Cowboy  
Church  
band  
leads a  
packed  
worship  
service.  
About  
300  
people  
regularly  
attend  
the  
church,  
which  
baptized  
14  
people  
in its  
first  
month.

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WHITNEY-Cowboys and cowgirls are finding new lives on the open range.

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# Looking for a morality play Pull out the popcorn\_72604

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"Spider-Man 2" is one of several summer movies that capture moral themes of good vs. evil. (Photo courtesy of Sony Pictures.)

## Looking for a morality play? Pull out

# the popcorn

**By Kristen Campbell**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Stories of epic struggles between right and wrong are coming—and not just to a pulpit near you.