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By Marv Knox

Editor

HOUSTON-Lessons learned from failed businesses can spur the Baptist General Convention of Texas to success, BGCT President Ken Hall insisted.

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Texas Tidbits

Christianity Today lauds Garland. A new commentary on 1 Corinthians

by David Garland, associate dean and professor of Christian Scriptures at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary, received an award of merit in the Christianity Today Book Awards 2004. The awards honor 22 books that "bring understanding to people, events and ideas that shape evangelical life, thought and mission." This year, the contest selected from 349 entries.

U.S. News picks Baylor, Baptist St. Anthony's. Two hospitals with ties to the Baptist General Convention of Texas have been ranked in U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Hospitals" guide for 2004. Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas made the guide for the 12th consecutive year. Baylor Dallas is ranked among the nation's top 50 hospitals in 10 specialties: cancer, 48; digestive disorders, 18; ear, nose and throat, 41; gynecology, 35; heart and heart surgery, 30; hormonal disorders, 46; kidney disease, 44; neurology and neurosurgery, 30; orthopedics, 26; and urology, 47. Baylor's Institute for Rehabilitation ranked among the nations top 26 rehabilitation facilities. Baptist St. Anthony's Health System in Amarillo made the list for cancer, 43; geriatrics, 50; neurology and neurosurgery, 27; and respiratory disorders, 44.

Missions awards nominations needed. Nominations for the Texas Baptist Missions Foundations's mission service awards are due Aug. 9. The Pioneer Award goes to a longtime leader in missions or someone who played a key role in beginning mission work that impacted Texas Baptist life. The Innovator Award is bestowed upon a church or individual who provided a model for missions others can adopt. The Adventurer Award honors an individual who advanced missions through direction of significant mission activities, outstanding financial support or leadership in ministry opportunities. Nominations may be submitted in writing to Bill Arnold at Texas Baptist Missions Foundation, 333 N. Washington, Dallas

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Beautiful things keep happening this summer across Texas. Our churches have some of their best times of the year with children, young people and families during this blessed time.

Years ago, churches held revival services in “protracted meetings” for two or three weeks during the summer. It was the main-sometimes the only-evangelistic effort for the year. My father was a teenager when he was saved in a meeting like that.

People still are being saved in the churches during the summer. But now evangelism goes on throughout the year as our pastors and people pray for the lost and involve themselves in visitation, service and personal sharing of faith throughout the week. The editorial in last week's Baptist Standard called Texas Baptists to an evangelism that embraces both proclamation and incarnation. I have felt for many years that kind of evangelism was at the heart of our Texas Baptist way of being the church.

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MINEOLA-A church van from Harvest Acres Baptist Church in Mineola overturned while taking a group of young people to Six Flags Over Texas July 16.

One adult woman remained hospitalized in Tyler due to back pain. Her husband was released after two days of observation for a head injury, said Pastor Butch Gott.

One girl suffered a broken ankle; another received 15 stitches. There were "a lot of cuts and bruises and scrapes," the pastor said.

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Larry the Cucumber and rest of VeggieTales crew transplanted to Nashville

By Erin Curry

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Big Idea Productions, creator of VeggieTales, has moved its headquarters from Chicago to suburban Nashville, and observers predict more family oriented entertainment companies will follow.

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PLAINVIEW-A charge that Wayland Baptist University trains homosexual ministers is false, damaging and possibly slanderous, the school's president said.

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Evangelical political involvement encouraged

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The National Association of Evangelicals has drafted a proposed statement on civic engagement that urges the nation's evangelicals to be more involved in public policy.

“Never before has God given American evangelicals such an awesome opportunity to shape public policy in ways that could improve the well-being of the entire world,” reads a recently released draft. “Disengagement is not an option.”

The declaration—which touches on topics ranging from addressing poverty to practicing recycling—is being circulated among 100 evangelical leaders for comment before the association's board votes on it in October.

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Barna: Few became Christians from 'Passion' film

By Kevin Eckstrom

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—A new poll says 11 million people changed their religious beliefs after seeing Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," but only a tiny fraction of movie-goers became Christians because of the film.

Bill opposing gay marriage passes House_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.

Crossover Indianapolis gleaned 1,932 professions of faith_72604

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By Lee Weeks

Baptist Press

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)—A year of planning and praying by Indiana Southern Baptists combined with volunteer support from across the country resulted in 1,932 professions of faith in Christ during Crossover Indiana, an evangelistic blitz accompanying the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Indianapolis.

Cybercolumn by Brett Younger: You're at church now_72604

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CYBERCOLUMN:

You're at church now

By Brett Younger

The rain started before we left Fort Worth and continued almost all the way. At Texarkana, I optimistically switched to “intermittent,” but we spent most of the day on the fast end of the wiper speed dial. I announced several times—to no one’s amusement—“The last time it rained like this Noah built himself a boat.”

At Hope, Ark., the wiper blade on the passenger’s side decided it had had enough and started unraveling. By the time we got to my parents’ house, the wiper was almost completely gone.

Brett Younger
