

# **Presidential Prayer Team organization launches\_71204**

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## **Presidential Prayer Team organization launches its Pray the Vote initiative**

**By Sarah Farris**

*BGCT Summer Intern*

In hopes of encouraging Christians to vote this fall, the Presidential Prayer Team launched its Pray the Vote and Prayer Party initiatives prior to Independence Day.

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## **Churches find purpose beyond 40-day experience\_71204**

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# Churches find purpose beyond 40-day experience

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

Benefits from 40 Days of Purpose stretch beyond an initial 40-day shared congregational experience, say leaders of several Texas Baptist churches that have been through the program—including some who approached it with skepticism.

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## Texas Baptist Men build worship center for African Texas church\_71204

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## Texas Baptist Men build worship center for African Texas church

**By Mary Crouch**

*BGCT Summer Intern*

GRAND PRAIRIE-Texas Baptist Men formed a new bond this spring with African Evangelical Baptist Church of Grand Prairie as volunteers built a sanctuary for the congregation.

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## **Texas WMU board approves staff reoganization, change in its focus\_71204**

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Woman's  
Missionary  
Union of  
Texas  
board  
members  
Kay Kolb  
of Midland  
(left) and  
Donna  
Hall of  
Paris join  
President  
Kathy  
Hillman of  
Waco in  
prayer,  
asking  
God's  
guidance  
and  
direction  
for the  
future of  
Texas  
WMU.

## **Texas WMU board approves staff**

# reorganization, change in its focus

**By Ferrell Foster**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

DALLAS—The Woman's Missionary Union of Texas board of directors has approved a reorganization of the state WMU staff.

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## Texas Tidbits\_71204

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# **VBMC ER named 'tops'**

The Valley Baptist Medical Center emergency department was named “top performer” nationally for overall quality of care and turn-around time in treating emergency room patients. The emergency department also received a “5-star customer service” award and a platinum achievement award. Valley Baptist Medical Center received the honors from Professional Research Consultants, an independent customer and marketing research firm for the healthcare industry.

# Texas Tidbits

**DBU hosts Japanese group.** Dallas Baptist University recently celebrated the opening of its International Center by playing host to the National Collegiate Network, a recruiting company that helps Japanese students select universities in the United States. The network donated 10 cherry blossom trees to DBU in gratitude, and the recruiting company and DBU jointly sponsored a cultural festival for Japanese students at DBU. The International Center is a 11,000-square-foot building that houses four classrooms, two large multipurpose meeting rooms, a computer lab, a student lounge and a full-service kitchen. DBU's student body includes more than 300 internationals from at least 50 countries.

**O'Brien to describe world.** "Global Reality Check: A Status of the World," will be the theme of a presentation by Baptist missions strategist Bill O'Brien July 13 at 7 p.m. The event is sponsored by Greater Good Global Support Services and will be held at the WorldconneX offices, located at Southside at Lamar streets, near downtown Dallas. O'Brien will discuss health pandemics like HIV/AIDS; world population growth and migrations; political, religious and cultural shifts; and life-changing technologies. For more information go to the website, [www.g3s2.org/training](http://www.g3s2.org/training).

**Lubbock CWJC graduate receives WMU award.** Amanda Perez of Lubbock received the national Woman's Missionary Union's 2004 Sybil Bentley Dove Award. Perez, a single mother rearing three children, graduated in May 2003 from Christian Women's Job Corps in Lubbock. She accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized less than a month after entering the program. After graduating from Christian Women's Job Corps, Perez attended summer school to complete requirements for her high school diploma. She attends South Plains College and hopes to become a social worker. The Sybil Bentley Dove Endowment was established in 1998.

The WMU Foundation presents the award annually to a current or former CWJC participant whom the foundation recognizes as wanting to improve her life through skills training, academic development and faith in Christ.

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# **TOGETHER: Life verse exerts powerful influence\_71204**

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## **TOGETHER: Life verse exerts powerful influence**

Do you have a life verse? Many Christians look for a single verse in Scripture that seems to “wrap up” the truth for their life. Sometimes that verse is called a life purpose statement. Here are some I have heard people use.

From Paul's Philippian epistle: “For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain” (1:21). “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (4:13). “I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead” (3:10-11). “But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus” (3:13-14).



Or from Paul's letter to the Romans: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (8:28).

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# True Love Waits on display at Olympics\_71204

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## True Love Waits on display at Olympics

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)-True Love Waits will carry its message of sexual purity to the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens this August.

True Love Waits, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, is an international campaign that challenges teenagers and college students to remain sexually abstinent until marriage.

An estimated 2.5 million to 3 million young people worldwide have signed

the True Love Waits sexual purity pledge, according to LifeWay Christian Resources, the Southern Baptist publishing house that created the True Love Waits initiative.

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# **True Love Waits helps slow spread of AIDS/HIV in Uganda\_71204**

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## **True Love Waits helps slow spread of AIDS/HIV in Uganda**

**By Shawn Hendricks**

*LifeWay Christian Resources*

WASHINGTON (BP)—Ten years ago, three out of 10 people in Uganda were infected with HIV or AIDS. Today, that number has dropped to six out of 100. And Uganda's First Lady Janet Museveni credits faith-based abstinence programs with slowing the spread of the fatal disease in her country.

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# **Texan takes missions commitment to the extreme\_71204**

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Jonathan Williams of First Baptist Church in Flower Mound works among the Amarakaeri people in remote areas of Peru as part of the International Mission Board's Xtreme Team.

# Texan takes missions commitment to the extreme

**By Sarah Farris**

*BGCT Summer Intern*

WESTERN SOUTH AMERICA-Deep in the jungles of the Amazon and high in the Andes Mountains, Texan Jonathan Williams and other missionaries are ministering in Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia and Chile in extreme ways.

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## Sexual purity, evangelism share meeting spotlight\_71204

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Actor  
Stephen  
Baldwin  
prays with  
students  
who made  
public  
decisions  
after his  
message  
about  
sexual  
purity at  
the Youth  
Evangelism  
Conference.  
(Ferrell  
Foster  
Photo)

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**By Ferrell Foster**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

DALLAS—More than 12,000 Texas Baptist teenagers attended this year's Youth Evangelism Conference.

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# **CYBERCOLUMN by Jeanie Miley: Free to question, blessed to grow\_71204**

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## **CYBERCOLUMN: Free to question, blessed to grow**

**By Jeanie Miley**

My life as a seeker began, appropriately, with my first religion course in college. I was so awestruck at the new information and ideas that I laboriously copied my class notes and mailed them to my parents, asking, "What do you think about this?"

For the first time, I was invited to examine my own beliefs and opinions—all of which I had absorbed from my religious culture and my home—and form a belief system and faith of my own. In that religion course, I encountered my childhood, too-small God-image.

Jeanie Miley
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