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By Michael Clingenpeel

There's a presidential election this November. Maybe you haven't noticed it yet, seeing as how you're probably in the midst of "Forty Days of Purpose" or Dr. Adkins, in which case your mind has been on God or food. But if you read the newspaper or watch the news, you may notice that the Republicans and Democrats have a little contest going.

Even if you haven't sniffed a whiff of the campaign, the Internal Revenue Service has. The IRS has issued an advisory to inform churches and clergy that they cannot engage in any partisan politics without jeopardizing the tax-exempt status of their church.

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Bivocational pastor enjoys coaching Hispanic pastors as BGCT consultant_53104

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

SAN ANGELO—Robert Cuellar enjoys coaching almost as much as he enjoys his role as pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista in San Angelo.

DOWN HOME: Countdown clock ticks louder still_53104

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That persistent noise pulsing in the background is the clock ticking. For you, it may sound so faint you don't even notice. But it's excruciatingly loud at our house. And it's going to clang even louder.

This clock really started ticking 17 years, six months and 19 days ago. That's when our youngest daughter, Molly, entered this world.

But the 2003-04 school year ended last week, and somebody turned up the volume on the clock. Sometimes-like when I wake up in the middle of the night-it's all I can hear.

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commitment to BGCT

Houston Baptist University should live up to its word to the Baptist General Convention of Texas and rescind its “fraternal relationship” with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

Historically, HBU has been affiliated with the BGCT, received substantial BGCT funding and allowed the BGCT to elect its trustees. In 2000, HBU trustees amended the university's charter, giving themselves authority to elect 75 percent of the trustees, with the BGCT electing only 25 percent. Their action violated the convention's constitution and created a relationship crisis. The crisis seemed to abate in 2001, when the university and convention affirmed a relationship agreement. In it, HBU pledged to “maintain a unique affiliation with the BGCT by not affiliating or establishing a formal relationship with other denominations, conventions or religious entities.” But last fall, HBU created a “fraternal relationship” with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, which was created to compete with the BGCT. Now, the BGCT Executive Board has affirmed a recommendation from a special study committee that asks the university to rescind its “fraternal relationship” with the SBTC.

**Jesus didn't
negotiate for
peace with the
money-changers
in the Temple or
the Pharisees
who ran
Jerusalem. That's
because peace-
at-any-cost is too
costly.**

The Executive Board's May 25 debate over the request to rescind was warm-hearted and cordial. And excruciating. Some members, including a couple of HBU alumni, expressed anguish over the friction between the school and the convention. Others, including one who helped negotiate the 2001 settlement between the convention and university, expressed dismay that HBU would renege on its expressed faithfulness to the BGCT. Still others plaintively pleaded for the convention to give in to the university in the interest of "peace."

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Texan Engle's spin on worship: That's why we're all created

By Leann Callaway

Special to the Baptist Standard

GRAPEVINE—When recording artist Joel Engle isn't performing at various events around the country, he can be found at home in North Texas—leading worship at 121 Community Church, a Texas Baptist congregation in

Grapevine.

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The East Texas
Baptist
University
Concert Choir,
directed by
James Moore,
will perform
next month
with the
Moscow
Chamber
Orchestra in
the Armory of
the Kremlin
and in several
St. Petersburg
palaces. The
choir also will
sing in Baptist
churches in
Moscow and
St. Petersburg.
The Russia
Ministry of
Culture invited
the ETBU choir
two years ago
to sing at the
300th
anniversary of
St.
Petersburg's
founding, but
the trip was
postponed due
to safety
concerns.

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and around the world.

BGCT board asks Houston Baptist University to sever ties with SBTC_53104

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Michael Bell, pastor of Greater St. Stephen First Baptist Church in Fort Worth, helped negotiate the original relationship agreement between HBU and the BGCT.

BGCT board asks Houston Baptist University to sever ties with SBTC

By Ken Camp

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DALLAS—The Baptist General Convention of Texas wants Houston Baptist University to rescind its “fraternal relationship” with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. And the convention will escrow most funds budgeted for the university until the matter is settled.

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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—At least one long-time exhibitor will not be in the exhibit hall at the November meeting of Baptist General Convention of Texas as the result

of a committee-approved policy change.

LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for June 13: God continues to use people to meet needs_53104

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2 Kings 4:1-44

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Baptism proclaims an encounter with Christ

Acts 2:36-41; Romans 6:1-10

By Rodney McGlothlin

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Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

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