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Patients leaving
the clinic where
the Hardin-
Simmons
University
physical therapy
ministry team
served.

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Several Hardin-Simmons University physical therapy students and four faculty members traveled to the recently flooded area of Piedras Negras, Mexico to minister to people there.

They worked in Casa Bethesda, a home for indigent and abandoned children, many of whom have been diagnosed with cerebral palsy, autism or Down's syndrome. They also worked the Clinica Bethesda, a medical facility.



Marsha Rutland,
instructor of
physical therapy
at Hardin-
Simmons
University, and
students Alex
Griffin and
Kathy Tilson
work with
children at the
Clinica
Bethesda in
Piedras Negras,
Mexico.

Physical therapy faculty who attended were Dennis O'Connell, Janelle O'Connell and Marsha Rutland. Teresia Taylor, a Spanish professor, went with the group to help with translation.

Promise Keepers plan Dallas 'fusion' event_51704

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DALLAS (RNS)—Former University of Colorado football coach and founder of Promise Keepers Bill McCartney huddled recently with about 400 North Texas church leaders about how to move 20- and 30-year-olds off the ministry sidelines and into active church and mission participation.

At the kickoff luncheon, McCartney reviewed the playbook for fusion+dallas, an event planned for November.

He told the group that fusion will include biblical teaching, workshops, praise and worship, and opportunities to connect with local churches, local church missions and international mission agencies.

Family wants ministry to disabled children started in Romania_51704

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Becky
Oprean
reads her
favorite
scripture,
Psalms
139,
before
giving her
testimony
at
Emmanuel
Baptist
Church in
Bucharest,
Romania,
in 1999.
Her
mother,
Lidia
Oprean,
holds her
Bible for
her.

Family wants ministry to disabled children started in Romania

By Craig Bird

Special to the Baptist Standard

The verbal and visual messages resonate in any setting—a smiling, wheelchair-bound teenager confidently quoting Psalm 139: “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

Dallas church plans to rise from ashes and rebuild ministry_51704

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A fire in 2002 left the east Dallas landmark Ross Avenue Baptist Church building a burned-out shell of its former glory. The church will demolish the old building and rebuild on the site.

Dallas church plans to rise from ashes and rebuild ministry

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—Ross Avenue Baptist Church's building stands a shell of its former

glory. Its walls are propped up with large beams. A stained-glass dome that once called a community to Christ is now but a memory.

Society saturated with distorted images of sexuality, singles minister says_51704

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Society saturated with distorted images of sexuality, singles minister says

By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

SAN ANTONIO—Sex can loom large in the life of single adults. They are bombarded by sexual enticements and perversions, whether or not they are sexually active, a single-adult minister told a statewide conference.

Texas Tidbits_51704

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Texas Tidbits

Hendrick chaplain named Logsdon distinguished alum. Mike Patrick, staff chaplain at Hendrick Medical Center, has been named the recipient of a distinguished alumnus award from the Logsdon School of Theology. Cecil Richards, pastor of Kingstown Baptist Church in Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, also has been named a Logsdon distinguished alumnus. Richards is the former president of the St. Vincent and Grenadines Baptist Convention.

Guild sets fund-raising record for HBU. The Guild of Houston Baptist University marked the school's 40th anniversary with a "silver tea" that raised a record amount to support graduate scholarships for career classroom teachers. Proceeds from the event-topping \$113,500-will provide annual and endowed scholarships. The silver tea is the primary charitable project of The Guild, an interdenominational Christian women's group in Houston. The event has its roots in England, where the hostess of a high tea placed a silver bowl at the entrance of her home to collect silver coins for charity.

Commentary by Truett prof named finalist. A commentary on 1 Corinthians by David Garland, professor and associate dean of academic affairs at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary, has been named a Gold Medallion Book Awards finalist by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association. Winners will be announced June 26 at an awards

banquet in Atlanta, Ga.

Together: Needed Miraculous, compelling vision_51704

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TOGETHER: Needed: Miraculous, compelling vision

Last fall, a consultant told me we could not achieve the results I was seeking in the Baptist General Convention of Texas unless our Baptist Building culture and structure changed. That was the day I knew we had to begin working to make significant changes.

I wanted to know how we could offer churches personalized consulting and know whether we actually helped them. I wanted to link churches with similar problems to a network that would enable them to find good solutions. I wanted a way to measure effectiveness. We have said we want to help churches and related ministries be the presence of Christ in the world. I wanted to know whether we were succeeding.

The BGCT is the largest Baptist state convention in America. But largest does not necessarily mean most effective.

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Christians develop plans for center, memorial to victims of violent crime_51704

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Christians develop plans for center, memorial to victims of violent crime

By John Hall

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DALLAS—A nonprofit group that grew out of the Baptist General Convention of Texas' commitment to victim ministries has unveiled a tentative architectural concept for the only memorial for victims of violent crime in Texas.

Restorative justice means more than prison ministry, victim advocates say_51704

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Restorative justice means more than prison ministry, victim advocates say

By John Hall

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DALLAS—Restorative justice does not begin or end with prison walls but serves everyone affected by crime, a Baptist General Convention of Texas consultant told a statewide crime victims' conference.

Worldconnex is seeking short-

term volunteers for Kenya, China schools_51704

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WorldconneX is seeking volunteers to serve in two cross-cultural educational institutions.

Kenya Baptist Theological College needs a registered architect who can work four to six weeks with a Kenyan architect to develop a master land-use plan for the school's 50-acre campus.

The college in Kenya also needs a librarian with at least a master's degree in library science, a computer technician and teachers of theological and biblical studies. Teaching assignments can be as short as two weeks.

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Mother's Day column by Brett Younger: Mother's dance_51704

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MOTHER'S DAY: Mother's dance

By Brett Younger

My mother should be a dancer. She would, of course, roll her eyes at this

idea. All of her conservative Baptist life, dancing has been as off-limits as rock and roll, playing cards and Methodists. And yet, though she will deny it until Jesus comes back—which she would want me to point out could be any minute—my mother would be a magnificent dancer.

Brett Younger

My mom has the athleticism of a ballet dancer. Her brief, but glorious, hoops career is legendary in Northeast Mississippi. Grandma wouldn't let my mother play basketball for the purple and gold of Itawamba High School because the team's short pants were two feet too short. On one famous night in 1948, several Lady Indians fouled out in the third quarter of a tight game with their bitter rivals—the Houston Hilltoppers—so the coach went into the stands to beg Clarice Graham to play. Mom slipped into a borrowed pair of boogie shoes and, in a dress that hit just below the ankles, scored several key baskets, dancing the Indians to a celebrated victory.