

# Cybercolumn by Jeanie Miley: Trust the source\_51704

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## CYBERCOLUMN: Trust the source

**By Jeanie Miley**

From the freeway to the subdivision where we were having dinner with friends couldn't have been more than a mile. On that route, we passed five churches, all of which are "nondenominational."

This isn't my father's world, I thought to myself, recalling that when I was riding my bicycle around the sidewalks of the churches he pastored. When I was a child, swinging in the backyards of the parsonages, most of which were next door to the church, somebody different was a Methodist!

Jeanie Miley
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## Upward Homes makes dreams

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## **Upward Homes makes dreams come true, teaches stewardship**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

UNIVERSAL CITY-Kathleen Vinglas lights up at the mention of her home. It provides a quick way for her to talk about how Texas Baptists helped her.

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## **Southern Baptist churches show membership growth, but baptisms decline\_50304**

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**By Polly House**

*LifeWay Christian Resources*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention reported a record membership of 16,315,050, up 0.41 percent over 2002, and grew to 43,024 churches, an increase of 249 new congregations, according to statistics compiled by the convention.

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## **PFLAG community center named for retired Baylor prof\_50304**

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WACO—Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays recently opened a community center in Waco named for a retired Baylor University religion

professor and his wife who have a homosexual son.

The center is named for Eddie Dwyer, 92, who taught in the Baylor religion department 37 years—including six as interim department head—and his wife, Velma, who was a credit manager in the university's financial aid office 31 years.

Paul Dwyer, a Baylor alumnus who has worked the last 30 years as a specialist in the Congressional Research Service in Washington, D.C., told his parents 13 years ago he was gay.

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## **Nocona teens know where to go for 'soul food'\_50304**

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### **Nocona teens know where to go for 'soul food'**

**By Jo Gray**

*Special to the Baptist Standard*

NOCONA—On any given Tuesday, about one-third of the students at Nocona High School can be found at church-eating lunch.

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

Starting a ministry to special-needs individuals is as simple as a smile, handshake or hug, say Texas Baptists who lead such efforts in their churches.

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## **Convencion, CBF church-**

# **starting partnership ready for work\_50304**

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Cooperative  
Baptist  
Fellowship's  
Global  
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field  
personnel,  
speaks to a  
class at the  
Baptist  
University of  
the  
Americas in  
San Antonio.

BUA is  
training  
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new  
churches  
being  
started as a  
part of the  
CBF  
partnership  
with the  
Hispanic  
Baptist  
Convention  
of Texas.

# Convencion, CBF church-starting partnership ready for work

**By Craig Bird**

*Cooperative Baptist Fellowship*

Less than a year after shaking hands and agreeing to work together, the Hispanic Baptist Convencion of Texas and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship are rolling up their sleeves toward jointly starting at least 400 Hispanic churches throughout the United States by 2010.

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## Number of hungry people in world increasing by 4.5 million every year\_50304

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World's  
annual  
report.

## **Number of hungry people in world increasing by 4.5 million every year**

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

The number of hungry people in the United States and the developing world is greater now than it was when international leaders set hunger-cutting goals in the mid-1990s, said a recently released report by a faith-based anti-hunger organization.

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# Nehemiah Project Making an impact\_50304

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Worship leader  
Justin Cofield urges  
a response from  
youth during the  
closing night of the  
six-day, inter-  
denominational  
Impact evangelistic  
events in Mineral  
Wells. (David  
May/Mineral Wells  
Index Photo)

## Nehemiah Project: Making an impact

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

MINERAL WELLS-Many church leaders talk about the importance of breaking down walls or going beyond the walls of a church to minister. But the inspiration for Tommy Pophin's ministry vision came from an Old

Testament passage about building a wall.

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# **Texas, Mexico partnership produces base camp for ministry\_50304**

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Volunteers help construct facilities at Camp Getsemani, the only church camp in Coahuila, Mexico.
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## **Texas, Mexico partnership produces**

# base camp for ministry

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

ACUNA, Mexico—A partnership between a Mexican church and three Texas congregations has produced a ministry base camp on the south side of the Rio Grande.

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## CLC staff denied access to governor's office\_50304

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**By Ferrell Foster**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

DALLAS—Representatives of Texas Baptists' moral concerns agency have been trying since spring 2003 to talk with Texas Gov. Rick Perry about public school financing.

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# Evangelical Christians-powerful or persecuted?\_50304

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## Evangelical Christians-powerful or persecuted?

**By Robert Marus**

*ABP Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Although American evangelicals overwhelmingly view themselves as part of mainstream America and think they hold significant political influence, they nonetheless believe they are a besieged minority, a new study has found.