

# **EDITORIAL: So what Apathy poses incalculable danger to church\_50304**

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"Those commercials drive me crazy," my wife, Joanna, said the other night. I looked up in time to catch another frenzied attempt to convince us to annihilate the hordes of termites chomping away inside the walls of our home.

If you don't know what I'm talking about, count yourself blessed. Anti-termite commercials swarm through TV cables this time of year. They're almost as annoying and obnoxious as termites themselves.

But when I see those ads-particularly the one where the woman hoes a weed by her foundation and the whole wall falls in-I'm reminded of a pernicious pest chomping away inside the souls and psyches of Christians, particularly Baptists.

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

ELGIN-Church finances, leaky roofs and plumbing problems easily can dominate discussions in deacons meetings.

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MARSHALL-A former East Texas Baptist University basketball star is among more than 700 American military personnel who have been killed in action in Iraq.

Capt. Arthur Felder of Lewisville, Ark., was one of four soldiers killed April 24 in Taji, Iraq, when mortar rounds hit their camp. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 39th Support Battalion, 39th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division from Hazen, Ark.

Felder, 36, graduated from ETBU in 1989.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)-The United States ranks third, behind only China and Iran, in reported executions, said a new report by a human-rights group that opposes the death penalty.

Amnesty International's annual report on the death penalty, noted four countries accounted for 84 percent of the 1,146 government-reported executions worldwide in 2003-the United States (65), China (726), Iran (108) and Vietnam (64).

The report cautioned that the actual execution figures for China, Iran and Vietnam -known human-rights abusers-were likely higher due to unreported executions.

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## **LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for May 9: Paul offers words of wisdom, encouragement\_50304**

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## **Paul offers words of wisdom, encouragement**

2 Timothy 4

**By David Morgan**

*Trinity Baptist Church, Harker Heights*

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**LifeWay Family Bible Series for May 9**

## **Marriage should mirror the love of Christ**

1 Corinthians 7:1-9; Ephesians 5:18-33

**By Rodney McGlothlin**

*First Baptist Church, College Station*

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**By Ferrell Foster**

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DALLAS—Leaders of the Texas religious community are standing together against a proposal that would link the funding of public education in the state to video slot machines.

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MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)—Trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary elected Jeff Iorg as the seminary's seventh president.

Iorg will assume his new position Aug. 1, succeeding Bill Crews, who retired after leading the seminary from 1986 until 2003.

Iorg has served as executive director-treasurer of the Northwest Baptist Convention since 1995. He was the founding pastor of Greater Gresham Baptist Church in Gresham, Ore., and also has served as a pastor in Missouri and Texas.

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## Hispanic Preaching Conference\_50304

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# **Hispanic Preaching Conference**

About 300

Hispanic Baptists  
gathered at Baylor  
University's Truett

Theological  
Seminary for times

of fellowship,  
instruction and  
inspiration at the  
recent Hispanic

Preaching  
Conference.

Seminar leaders  
included pastors  
and teachers from  
around the state,  
as well as Gilberto

Gutierrez,  
president of the  
National Baptist  
Convention of  
Mexico. The

conference was  
sponsored jointly

by Truett  
Seminary and the  
Baptist General  
Convention of  
Texas.

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.

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Thailand  
project.

# Texas hunger offering gifts rising; \$750,000 goal set for 2005

**By John Hall & Ferrell Foster**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

MOUNT LEBANON-World hunger gifts by Texas Baptist churches have increased 24.7 percent so far this year, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas has set a \$750,000 hunger offering budget for 2005.