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BURLESON-Partnerships typically are give-and-take relationships. It is no different for Southwest Metroplex Baptist Association, where volunteers recently took a mission trip to Germany and now the association is giving up one of its pastors.

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LA BLANCA-A church youth group's pledge to help buy property for church expansion inspired the rest of the congregation to give.

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DALLAS-The Baptist General Convention of Texas Bible Study/Discipleship Center will continue helping Texas Baptist churches who use a variety of study materials to meet their “biblical challenges” of reaching non-Christians and equipping believers, according to BGCT staff members.

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MATADOR-Renewed commitment to Sunday school has brought growth

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SANTA MARIA-Primera Iglesia Bautista hopes to save lives and souls through a fiery new ministry.

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FORT WORTH-Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees have elected two of their own board members as deans and agreed in principle to create an undergraduate college on the Fort Worth campus.

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Charlene Carson reviews minutes of business meetings at First Baptist Church in Salado.

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By George Henson

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SALADO—Looking forward to its 140th anniversary, First Baptist Church in Salado harkened back to its beginnings.

Around the State_41904

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Tolar Church in Tolar held groundbreaking ceremonies for a 13,000-square foot building that will include a sanctuary, nursery facilities and education space. Armo Bentley is pastor.

Around the State

- ◆ **Kathleen Wood**, assistant professor of biology at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, has been named department chair. She has been at the school since 1999, teaching genetics, cell biology, botany and developmental biology.

- ◆ Six new members were inducted into Hardin-Simmons University's Hall of Leaders April 2. They are **John Brewer**, a 1930 graduate and former microbiology professor at HSU; **Virginia Connally**, a 1933 graduate and one of the first women physicians in Texas; **Bill Scott**, a 1947 graduate and former HSU coach and assistant athletic director and major general and adjutant general of Texas; **Scotty Holland**, a geologist and oil executive who attended the school from 1949 to 1951; **Dossie Wiggins**, a 1919 graduate, former professor and academic dean at HSU, who also was

president of Texas School of Mines (now the University of Texas at El Paso) and Texas Tech University; and **Marijohn Wilkin**, a 1940 graduate, singer and songwriter. Established in 2001, the hall includes 27 previous inductees.



South Hills Church in Fort Worth celebrated the retirement of its debt with a note-burning ceremony. Participating were Pastor Bob Nickell; Wes Brazell, former chairman of the stewardship committee; Doug Ford, chairman of deacons; and Tom Law, director of missions for Tarrant Association.

◆ Houston Baptist University has announced several faculty promotions. Attaining the rank of professor are **Michael Bordelon**, political science; **Gary Clay**, education, and **Randy Wilson**, sociology. Promoted to associate professor are **John Hendrickson**, music; **LuAnn Marrs**, English; and **Melissa Wiseman**, economics.

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IMB to consider VP candidate. An International Mission Board search committee will recommend Gordon Fort, regional leader for IMB work in southern Africa, to the board later this month to become vice president for overseas operations. Fort, 48, is the son of emeritus Southern Baptist missionary physicians who served at Sanyati Baptist Hospital in Zimbabwe. He and his wife, the former Leigh Ann Harrison of Fort Worth, were appointed by the International Mission Board as missionaries to Botswana in 1985. He assumed responsibility for the work in southern Africa in 1997. Fort is a graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Prior to missionary appointment, he was pastor of Macedonia-Hix Baptist Church in Caldwell.

Texans named to SBC resolutions committee. Three Texans—all members of churches dually aligned with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention and the Baptist General Convention of Texas—have been named to the Southern Baptist Convention's resolutions committee. SBC President Jack Graham, pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, appointed John Mark Caton, pastor of Cottonwood Creek Baptist Church in Allen, Penna Dexter, a radio talk show host and Prestonwood member, and Barbara O'Chester of Great Hills Baptist Church in Austin to the committee. He named Calvin Wittman, pastor of Applewood Baptist Church in Wheat Ridge, Colo., as chairman of the committee that will serve during the SBC annual meeting in Indianapolis, June 15-16.

LifeWay releases new Bible translation. LifeWay Christian Resources released the first copies of the Holman Christian Standard Bible this month. It is the first major English-language Bible translation in 30 years and one of only seven in the past 570 years translated directly from biblical languages. LifeWay spokesmen called it the culmination of a 20-year project that involved an international team of 100 translators, editors and biblical scholars representing 20 denominations and non-denominational churches. The Holman CSB New Testament was released in 2001.

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Special to the Baptist Standard

CANTON—Despite a cold, rainy Easter weekend, more than 3,000 people gathered in an East Texas rodeo arena to view “The Passion,” a dramatization of Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection.

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DALLAS Nearly 5,000 people attended a recent Ten Commandments rally in Dallas to discuss the "importance of God in politics," news reports said. But a Texas Baptist ethics leader later raised concerns about the event and the movement it represents.

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SAN ANTONIO-If it seems there are never enough hours in the day, it may be a matter of perspective rather than time, said Wayne Dillen, who led a time-management seminar during the Texas Baptist Hispanic Youth and Singles Congreso.

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