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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

DALLAS-The Baptist General Convention of Texas will end its longstanding formal relationship with LifeWay Christian Resources later this year.

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By Marv Knox

Editor

WACO-A Baylor University student newspaper editorial supporting gay marriage has been condemned by Baylor President Robert Sloan and ruled a violation of school policy by the university's Student Publications Board.

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WACO-Baylor University's board of regents has urged President Robert Sloan to take aggressive steps to heal the fragmented academic community.

Around the State_30804

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Around the State

Seven people were endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship at a Feb. 18 meeting to work as chaplains at Texas facilities. **Timothy Hunter** was endorsed as a correctional facility chaplain; **Patricia Baldwin, Charles Edmondson, Peggy Johnson, Brent Peery** and **Dora Saul** as hospital chaplains; and **Cameron Gunnin** as a military chaplain.

Events

☒ Southland Church in San Angelo commissioned 12 people as Stephen ministers Feb. 29. They were **Elizabeth Benton, Sindee Davis, Dwain Dodson, Kayde Farquhar, Marvin Hall, Virginia Lester, Kay Leifeste, Frances Newman, Carla Presley, Cathy Rogers, Teri Rogers** and **Howard Ward**.



Carol Kelly, left, and Carole Harrell have been commissioned as Mission Service Corps volunteers in the mental health industry by Park Central Church in Dallas, where Philip Washburn is pastor. Cecil Deadman, associate director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas' MSC program, spoke at the commissioning service. Jana Whitworth, director of church and community ministries with Dallas Baptist Association, has worked with the women to develop the new ministry to promote church awareness, understanding and vision for mission action to mentally ill persons and their families.

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“Influencing Your World” is the theme of the High School Christian Leadership Institute June 24-27 at Baylor University. The four-day conference is open to high school sophomores and juniors from across the country.

The conference includes small-group discussions, team challenges, experiential exercises and individual coaching sessions. Throughout the weekend, participants are mentored by Baylor student leaders.

“Evaluations for the inaugural program were very positive,” said Scott Wade, director of student union. “The students not only mentioned the impact that the institute had on their lives, but also the warm, inviting Baylor community that many hoped they would become a part of in the years ahead.”

Baptist Briefs_30804

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Baptist Briefs

Welch to be SBC presidential nominee. Bobby Welch, pastor of First Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, Fla., will be nominated as president of the Southern Baptist Convention during the June 15-16 annual meeting in Indianapolis. Johnny Hunt, pastor of the Atlanta-area First Baptist Church in Woodstock, Ga., announced his intention to nominate Welch. Welch has been pastor of the Daytona Beach congregation since 1974 and is the co-creator of the FAITH Sunday school evangelism strategy. He is a former president of the Florida Baptist Convention and a former SBC vice president. Welch is a decorated Vietnam War veteran and a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Jacksonville (Ala.) State University.

Past SBC presidents pick Davidson for VP. Gerald Davidson, pastor of the St. Louis-area First Baptist Church in Arnold, Mo., for 27 years and a past president of the Missouri Baptist Convention, will be nominated for first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention. "The former presidents (of the SBC) have decided that Gerald Davidson should be first vice president, and Dr. Adrian Rogers has been asked to nominate him," Bailey Smith, president of the SBC from 1980 to 1982, announced Feb. 19 at a Real Evangelism Conference hosted by Davidson and First Baptist Arnold.

Compensation study under way. The 2004 church staff compensation study is being compiled by 41 Baptist state conventions in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board. In January, state conventions began mailing surveys to churches to be completed and returned by April 15. After the April deadline, the statistical information will be compiled, and the survey results, with customized salary and benefit information for different church staff positions, will be available in June. If a church did not receive a survey, it can be accessed at www.absbc.org.

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (ABP)-A Southern Baptist Convention official has denied exhibition space to the Baptist World Alliance at this June's SBC annual meeting in Indianapolis, even though the convention has not yet approved a recommendation to separate from the international Baptist fellowship.

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Editor

ARLINGTON—Swirling shifts in churches, education and society demand a new approach to training ministers, founders of the B.H. Carroll Theological Institute stressed during ceremonies that marked the school's opening.

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Cartoon

"It's a
very
thick
book
because
it's a
very
thick
skull."

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.

Temple volunteers cook 'casseroles for Christ'_30804

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Temple volunteers cook 'casseroles for Christ'

By George Henson

Staff Writer

TEMPLE-Churches looking for new recipes for ministry can come to First Baptist Church in Temple. The women there have one they'd like to share.

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By Craig Bird

Associated Baptist Press

FORT WORTH (ABP)-If military and prison chaplains serve in “pastoral roles,” then so do chaplains in hospitals, hospices and nursing homes. So say a number of medical chaplains and the professional organizations that oversee their work.

Children need parents to listen carefully to their questions about God, experts advise_30804

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**Children need parents to listen
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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Children can begin to understand God if parents and churches will help them grasp him, according to ministry leaders.