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Steve Richardson instructs Zachary Dillahunt with his trumpet (left) and Kim Sharp teaches Landon Parker on the piano at the community music school sponsored by Central Baptist Church in Livingston.

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

LIVINGSTON—Central Baptist Church of Livingston is bringing the gift of music—and the sweet melody of Christian love—to young people in a small East Texas town.

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CIBOLO—Israelites who carried the tabernacle through 40 years of wilderness wanderings probably never expected it to end up in South Central Texas, just outside Cibolo.

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KINGSVILLE—A small South Texas church could owe up to \$10,000 in back taxes on two church-owned properties unless a county authority restores the facilities' tax-exempt status.

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Students from Clark University and other schools in Worcester, Mass. (left), enjoy a game of Scrabble during the "Ignite" coffeehouse held as a ministry of the Worcester Collegiate Christian Network. Wayland senior Steve Howe (right, center) enjoys dinner with two Christian student leaders at Clark University, freshman Kevin Vagen, left, and sophomore Heidi Kaufmann.

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By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW-For many college students, putting off their final semester before graduation would be unthinkable. But for Steve Howe, it was simply a matter of following God's call.

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France's lower house of parliament has voted overwhelmingly to prohibit students from wearing "conspicuous" religious symbols in public schools, sparking an outcry from religious liberty advocates in the United States.

The French National Assembly voted 494 to 36 on Feb. 10 to ban "signs and dress that conspicuously show the religious affiliation of students." The measure goes to the French Senate next month. If approved, it would take effect in September.

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Students who drop out of college often cite finances as the key reason, but the real problem is inability to plan for cost increases, administrators at East Texas Baptist University believe.

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SAN ANTONIO—True Vine Baptist Church has grown like kudzu, nourished by the richest of sources—its baptismal waters.

Pastor Jesse Grice started the church in his home in 1993. But the congregation soon outgrew his living room, and it moved to a storefront facility.

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Get small to make big campus impact, college students told

By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

GRAND PRAIRIE—Small groups make a big impact on college campuses—one life at a time, ministry leaders recently told a student conference.

More than 400 college students learned the power of getting small at a Feb. 6-7 Small Groups Conference at The Oaks Baptist Church in Grand Prairie. The Center for Collegiate Ministry of the Baptist General Convention of Texas sponsored the event.

Baptiststandard.com victim of virus attack

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Hundreds of subscribers to the Standard's FirstLook newsletter received a flood of virus-generated e-mails Feb. 16-17. According to webmaster John Rutledge the immediate problem has been stopped, and stringent security measures are being put in place to stop any future outbreaks.

The Standard is moving it's website this week to a dedicated server, with more security controls and improved antivirus and spam blockers.

"We apologize for the inconvenience this caused our readers," Rutledge said. The e-mails initially contained a version of the "lovelorn virus" with attachments named "binladen_sexy.jpg" or "kiss.ok.exe."

Around the State_22304

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Around the State

Recently approved for tenure at Hardin-Simmons University were **Martha Kiel**, associate professor of art and department head; **Jooly Philip**, associate professor of English and director of the writing center; and **Jill Walters**, assistant professor of psychology and coordinator of internships. Promoted to professor were **Randy Armstrong**, communications, and **Andrew Potter**, mathematics. Earning promotions to associate professor were **Curtis Garner**, counseling and human development, and **Traci Thompson**, English. **Scot Miller** was promoted to assistant professor. Retired faculty members approved for emeritus status were **Taylor Rankin** and **Manfred Schubert**.



Ruby Moody was honored by First Church in Rocksprings on her 90th birthday. She continues to play the church's organ each Sunday as she has done for more than 65 years. She is pictured with Pastor Ron Van Der Weert

♦ Recently approved for tenure at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor were **Ann Crawford**, associate professor of nursing, and **Audell Shelburne**, associate professor of English. Approved for summer

development leave were **Deborah Jones, Sandra Wanner, Bill Harding, Raylene Statz** and **Peggy Craik. Harris Leonard** also was added to the faculty as assistant professor of psychology.

♦ Hardin-Simmons University professor **Bob Fink**'s essay "Twenty Years of Teaching Creative Writing" has been published in the Winter 2004 issue of the electronic journal, The Cortland Review.

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The Baylor University Alumni Association unanimously elected Jeff Kilgore as executive vice president of the association.

He succeeds Os Chrisman of Dallas, who has served as the association's executive vice president since December 2002.



Kilgore currently serves Baylor as university host, a position he has held for the last six years. Previously, he worked for three years as assistant

director for development, programs and marketing for the Baylor Alumni Association.

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DALLAS—Two employees in the Baptist General Convention of Texas Communications Center have assumed new responsibilities.

Ferrell Foster has been named director of news and information services. He fills the post previously held by Ken Camp, now managing editor of the Baptist Standard.

Foster had been director of creative services in the Communications Center and has been a BGCT employee since 2000. Before coming to the BGCT, Foster was editor of the Illinois Baptist state paper.