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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Neither the Dallas Cowboys nor the Houston Texans will be in the Super Bowl this year, but Texas Baptists can punch their tickets to serve people going to the event.

SBC set to withdraw from Baptist World Alliance_122203

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Committee urges SBC to cut ties, funding to Baptist World Alliance

A Southern Baptist Convention study committee is recommending that the SBC withdraw from the Baptist World Alliance and stop funding the worldwide fellowship.

Charging the BWA with a “leftward drift,” the committee proposes that Southern Baptists lead in creating a new, more conservative, worldwide Baptist organization.

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“Continuing to allow presentations that call into question the truthfulness of Holy Scripture, refusing to support openly the idea that all who are saved must come to salvation through conscious faith in Jesus Christ, and promoting women as preachers and pastors are among the issues that make it impossible to endorse the BWA as a genuinely representative organization of world Baptists,” said the committee report, released six days before Christmas.

**SBC leaders charge
BWA with a
"leftward drift" in
theology. BWA
leader calls
proposed SBC
withdrawal "a sin
against love."**

BGCT leaders express grief over SBC withdrawal from BWA_11204

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

Texas Baptist leaders expressed grief over a proposed Southern Baptist Convention withdrawal from the Baptist World Alliance and support for the beleaguered international fellowship.

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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

BOCHUM, Germany (ABP)- A German Baptist theologian, who was cited as an example of “aberrant and dangerous” theology within the Baptist World Alliance, says the Southern Baptist committee that leveled those charges is guilty of lying and should repent.

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Disaster relief volunteers from Texas Baptist churches were slated to leave the United States Jan. 9 bound for Iran.

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By Terri Jo Ryan

Special to the Standard

WACO—Even in the midst of a bloody and brutal 10-year civil war in Sierra Leone, Martin Dixon, 40, saw the hand of God in everything that was happening.

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Big Spring-Lamesa Area is seeking a Mission Service Corps volunteer couple or single person to fill a vacancy at the Big Spring Hospitality House beginning in March. Joe and Wanda Bernier, the MSC couple currently serving there are resigning as of March 1. Responsibilities of the position include caring for the facility and the grounds and registration of people visiting prison inmates into the house on weekends. While the position is not salaried, an apartment attached to the facility is included. The ability to speak Spanish would be helpful but is not required. For more information, contact **David Kimberly** at (432) 263-1673 or (432) 517-0483.

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DALLAS-Buckner Orphan Care International is calling on local Christian families and singles to host older Russian orphans when the children visit North Texas in March.

The “Angels from Abroad” program will bring 10 to 15 children living in St. Petersburg-area orphanages to Texas to raise awareness about the needs of older children living in Russian orphanages.



Denis (left) and
Dima are
representative of
the Russian
“angels” who
need host
families for their
Texas visit.

Angels from Abroad will allow host families the opportunity “to make a difference for a Russian child visiting the United States,” said Mary Ann Hamby, community relations coordinator for Buckner International Adoption.

Baptist Briefs_11204

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Baptist Briefs

Convention approves name change. The European Baptist Convention has voted to change its name to International Baptist Convention. "IBC captures our identity, location and missions vision," said Jimmy Martin, general secretary of the convention, which includes English-speaking churches in 21 European nations and one in the Middle East. More than 100 nationalities are represented in the convention's churches, and some churches have more than 30 nationalities among their members.

WMU names new consultant. Jane Geggus Blythe is the new ministry consultant for national Woman's Missionary Union's student resource team. Blythe comes to WMU after three years as a marketing and recruitment associate for the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board. She holds a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Stewart named professor emeritus. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary trustees named Don Stewart professor emeritus of New Testament and Greek. Stewart retired last summer after 25 years as a teacher and administrator at the seminary. In addition to his work as professor of New Testament and Greek and executive vice president under Landrum Leavell, Stewart served as director of the doctor of ministry program and guided the seminary extension center system.

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By Bob Allen

EthicsDaily.com

Latin American Baptist leaders signed a statement protesting the Southern Baptist Convention's proposed withdrawal from the Baptist World Alliance and urging defeat of a committee's recommended call to sever ties.

ANOTHER VIEW: Unexpected discovery reinforces eternal reality of hope_11204

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ANOTHER VIEW: Unexpected discovery reinforces eternal reality of hope

By Don Forrester

Sometimes positive affirmation and unexpected gifts come our way to underscore the reality of God's presence and his unconditional love.

No doubt, we've all had the experience of receiving a “power surge” to lift our spirits.