

# **EDITORIAL: Priesthood of the believer defines Baptists' differences\_112403**

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If you could study Baptists' DNA under a theological microscope, the defining chromosome—the strand that gives shape to all others—would be labeled “priesthood of the believer.”

Of course, numerous Baptist characteristics have received more attention, especially in recent decades. During the 1980s, at the height of the Southern Baptist Convention controversy, disagreement over Baptists' understanding of the nature of Scripture grabbed countless headlines. In the '90s, after one group gained control of the convention, Baptists focused on relationships, particularly between the fundamentalist-run SBC and the emerging moderate Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. In the last few years, Baptists have debated how to conduct foreign and domestic missions. Baptists also have argued long and hard about structure, particularly the links—financial and relational—between churches and conventions, as well as between state and national conventions. If you've paid close attention, you probably could suggest a dozen other defining characteristics.

But Baptists' perspectives on the priesthood of the believer—the doctrine

they have contributed to the larger church-pervade all these issues. In general, an interpretation of the priesthood of the believer determines how a person or group understands humanity's place in the world. And that determination divides Baptists.

**We are not  
Lone Ranger  
Christians,  
riding off  
alone with  
God. We're  
responsible to  
God, but we're  
accountable  
to each other.**

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Baptist  
University  
has  
renovated  
the former  
chapel as an  
academic  
center.

## **Scarborough Hall begins new chapter at ETBU**

MARSHALL—An old building has a new look and a new name at East Texas Baptist University.

Scarborough Memorial Chapel opened in 1948 as both a chapel and home to the music department. It was named by its benefactor, Evelyn Scarborough Linebery, as a memorial to her parents, W.F. and Kara Scarborough, and her uncle and aunt, L.R. and Neppie Scarborough. L.R. Scarborough was president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Over the past two years, the structure has been gutted and refitted as an academic center at a cost of \$2 million. The exterior remains essentially the same in appearance.

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☒ *Colossians 3:18-4:18*

**By John Duncan**

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☒ *Jonah 1:1-2:9*

**By John Duncan**

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## **Paul demonstrated God's life-changing power**

 *Acts 21:27-22:29*

**By David Jenkins**

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## **Joy can be discovered through giving to others**

 *2 Corinthians 8:1-24*

**By David Jenkins**

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# Baylor names Kim Gaynor interim vice president

WACO-Kim Gaynor has been named interim vice president for university relations at Baylor University.

The interim post has been filled by Larry Brumley, associate vice president for university relations, since Feb. 1, when Vice President Stan Madden returned to the classroom.



Gaynor has held a long career in advertising, most recently with Bozell, Jacobs, Kenyon & Eckhardt, the largest advertising agency in the United States and the fifth-largest worldwide.

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## Fuller: Help Habitat build character\_112403

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<p>The recent house dedication featured a visit by Habitat founder Millard Fuller (second from left on back row). He is shown with Julie Turner, chairwoman of the DBU board; DBU President Gary Cook; WFAA-TV meteorologist Troy Dungan; new homeowner Dee Wright; and Blair Blackburn, DBU's executive vice president.</p>	<p>The DBU chapter built the latest Habitat house for Dallas resident Dee Wright, and her 17-year-old son, D.J. Students, faculty and staff constructed the home on campus, and it is being moved to the nearby Oak Cliff community. The photograph above shows the house in the early stages of framing.</p>
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# **Fuller: Help Habitat build character**

**By Marv Knox**

*Editor*

DALLAS-Habitat for Humanity needs Baptists to help preserve its Christian character, founder Millard Fuller pleaded.

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## **Where are the large Hispanic churches in Texas?\_112403**

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### **Where are the large Hispanic churches in Texas?**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

According to the 2000 census, 6.7 million Hispanics live in Texas. The Baptist General Convention of Texas relates to more than 1,200 Hispanic churches, a ratio of one congregation per 5,500 Hispanic resident.

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**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

IRVING-A church with a history of ministry to its community on Thanksgiving will have a slightly more personal touch this year.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.-LifeWay Christian Resources last week launched a new digital music download service with no monthly subscription fees.

The Southern Baptist Convention publishing house will offer downloads of single songs for 99 cents and complete albums for \$10 to \$12.

The service, conducted through a partnership with online music pioneer Liquid Digital Media, is the first of its kind available through a Christian retailer.