

# **Methodist ad rejected for display on Times Square \_110303**

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## **Methodist ad rejected for display on Times Square due to ad content**

**By Kevin Eckstrom**

*Religion News Service*

NEW YORK (RNS)—One of the world's largest media companies reversed its advertising policies to allow the United Methodist Church to display a glitzy ad in the heart of Times Square.

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## **Anglican primates warn U.S. bishops\_110303**

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LONDON (RNS)—Leaders of the Anglican Communion announced they would not discipline the Episcopal Church for its approval of an openly gay bishop, but they warned that Episcopal policies on homosexuality threaten to “tear the fabric of our communion at its deepest level.”

A two-day emergency summit of Anglican leaders produced a warning that the future of the Anglican Communion “will be put in jeopardy” if Gene Robinson is installed as the next bishop of New Hampshire. The service was set for Nov. 2.

The Episcopal Church is the U.S. branch of the 77-million-member Anglican Communion, which is led by the archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams.

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### **Anniversaries**

**R.E. Lambert**, 65th in the ministry Oct. 16. He preached his first sermon at 15 at East Dallas Church in Dallas. He became a pastor at 19 and served churches in Dayton, Killeen and Dallas. He also was director of missions

and stewardship for the Colorado Baptist General Convention prior to his retirement to Fort Worth.



Oak Hills Church in Floresville held a noteburning to signify the payoff of the sanctuary extension. The \$18,500 note was paid off in eight months. The total cost was \$85,000, of which \$66,500 was raised prior to completion. Pictured are Stephan Dawson, Pastor Joel Odom and trustees Del Pearson and Eugene Osburn.

✘ **Eldon Johnson**, 20th as pastor of Ringgold Church in Ringgold.

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# **Haskell-Knox and West Central Baptist associations merge to Double Mountain\_110303**

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LUEDERS-Haskell-Knox Baptist Association and West Central Baptist Association have merged to form Double Mountain Baptist Association.

The two associations had been connected previously as Double Mountain Baptist Area, although each association had a separate identity.

On Oct. 19, representatives of each association voted for the merger to make better use of time and resources, reported Cindy Walton, ministry assistant for the new association.

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# **Three to receive missions awards\_110303**

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A West Texas church, a Lubbock ministry entrepreneur and an Amarillo couple will be honored at a Texas Baptist Missions Foundation awards luncheon in Lubbock.

The awards luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Nov. 10 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers in Lubbock, immediately prior to the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual session.

First Baptist Church of Plains will receive the Adventurer Award for leadership in missions.

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## **Darrel Baergen, longtime Baptist dramatist, dies in Abilene**

ABILENE-Baptist professor, playwright, director and producer Darrel Baergen died Oct. 23 in Abilene after a long battle with cancer. He was 68.

Baergen committed most of his career to teaching speech and drama in three Baptist schools.

He began at Oklahoma Baptist University and later taught twice at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, where he retired as chair of the department of communication in 2000. He also was professor and chairman of communication arts at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

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## **Barna probes views on heaven &**

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VENTURA, Calif. (RNS)-About three-fourths of Americans believe in heaven and hell, but almost one-fourth say they have “no idea” what will happen after they die, a study by the Barna Research Group shows.

Researchers found 76 percent of respondents believe heaven exists and 71 percent believe there is a hell.

Forty-six percent of respondents said they would describe heaven as “a state of eternal existence in God's presence” while 30 percent said it is “an actual place of rest and reward where souls go after death.” Fourteen percent said heaven is “symbolic,” 5 percent said they did not believe in life after death, and 5 percent were uncertain.

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By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

Messengers from many of the 5,700 congregations affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas will consider a proposed \$45.8 million budget for 2004 and elect a full slate of officers when they meet Nov. 10-11 in Lubbock.

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## **General comes under fire for anti-Muslim comments\_110303**

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## **General comes under fire for anti-Muslim comments**

**By Robert Marus**

*ABP Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Comments by a high-ranking Pentagon official casting America's struggle against terrorism as a Muslim-versus-Christian holy war are causing prominent news outlets to call for a reprimand by the

Bush administration.

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**By Terri Jo Ryan**

*Special to the Standard*

NASHVILLE, Tenn.-Episcopalians fleeing “trendy theology” with the ordination of the denomination's first openly gay bishop would be welcomed into the Southern Baptist fold, said Morris Chapman, president of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

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### **BUCKNER IN LUBBOCK: A place to call home\_110303**

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### **BUCKNER IN LUBBOCK: A place to call home**

**By Russ Dilday**

*Buckner News Service*

LUBBOCK-For more than 25 years, members of the Joy Sunday School class at First Baptist Church of Lubbock have opened their hearts and wallets on the first Sunday of each month to collect a special offering.