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Acts 4:1-31

By David Jenkins

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San Antonio church keeps food flowing, because 'children need to eat'

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

SAN ANTONIO-Children need to eat.

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-A battle over government funding of religious

institutions that could have national implications is shaping up in Georgia.

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FORT WORTH (BP)-A complaint has been dismissed that was filed with the Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct regarding a judge who appeared in advertisements for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Tarrant County Judge Brent Keis, a master of arts in lay ministries student at the Fort Worth seminary, appeared in his judicial robe in an April 2002 advertisement in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The advertisement promoted the seminary's study programs for laity.

Keis was informed by the judicial conduct commission in February 2003 that he had made a mistake by appearing robed in the advertisement. After the ads subsequently appeared in Houston and San Antonio papers in May, Keis was summoned to appear before the commission Oct. 8. That

complaint was dismissed.

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BAPTIST

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM: Brave Baptists

Yesterday, I said goodbye to some of the bravest Baptists I have ever known.

When I first met the members of Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Cedar Hill in December 2001, they were fractured, broken, hurting and scared. Yet they voted to face their demons and begin the journey of intentional interim ministry.

For more than a year, they looked deeply within themselves, trying to discover what led to their earlier schism, to learn how to prevent a reoccurrence of those problems, and to put into practice what they had learned.



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NEW ORLEANS—Trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary unanimously rejected a request by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee to name the SBC the “sole member” of the seminary's corporation.

All other SBC entities have acceded to the request, which was intended to prevent the possibility of a seminary or mission board ever declaring its independence from the national convention.

New Orleans Seminary President Chuck Kelley voiced strong opposition to the request on grounds of Baptist polity, suggesting such a change would result in a form of Baptist “connectionalism” rather than traditional Baptist autonomy.

Nominees for BGCT boards & committees_110303

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The following information is provided in compliance with the bylaws of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Nominations to be considered by messengers to the BGCT annual session in Lubbock Nov. 10-11 are presented by the Committee to Nominate Executive Board Members, the Committee on Committees, the Committee to Nominate Coordinating Boards and the Committee on Nominations for Institution Boards.

Key unless otherwise noted: # new member; % non-church/denominational employee; ^ positions to be elected by BGCT, when the BGCT does not elect all members of the board; + positions to be elected by the board or institution itself; @ elected at an Executive Board meeting and now must be elected at convention; E/ one year extended term, reverts to 2006 term.

BGCT Executive Board Members to be re-elected

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FORT WORTH (BP)-Paige Patterson has joined Chuck Kelley in calling for creation of a W.A. Criswell Offering for Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

Patterson, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, made the appeal to seminary trustees Oct. 21. He echoed the earlier words of Kelley, his brother-in-law, who is president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Faced with rising costs, seminary students are taking fewer hours per semester, working more and accumulating more educational debt, Patterson warned. And that ultimately will hamper ministry, he added.

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Ken Ansell to Frontier Church in Waxahachie as pastor from Frio Church in Hereford.

- ♦ **Chuck Barnard** to Greenbrier Church in Alvarado as pastor.
 - ♦ **Lucas Biggs** has resigned as student minister at Highland Church in Denton.
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By Hannah Lodwick

Associated Baptist Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (ABP) -Suncoast Baptist Church, a congregation of about 70 people in rural Homosassa, Fla., has been looking for an organist for almost two years.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)-When President Bush gives his promised signature to a newly passed bill, it will be the first time in 30 years the federal government has restricted abortion rights for adults.

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During a prayer of dedication at his inauguration, Paige Patterson is surrounded by son-in-law and daughter Mark and Carmen Howell, wife Dorothy Patterson, daughter-in-law and son Rachel and Armour Patterson, as well as SBC President Jack Graham and immediate past seminary President Ken Hemphill.
(Stephan Blan/BP Photo)

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FORT WORTH (BP)—Paige Patterson was inaugurated eighth president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Oct. 21 with a vow to embody the standards set by the seminary's founders.

“We are headed to a full and thorough reaffirmation of the doctrine of B.H. Carroll and the founders,” Patterson said during the ceremony at Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth. “We are headed to the reaffirmation of the centrality and of the incarnation of the atonement of Christ as the essential bedrock of Christianity.”

The seminary also is headed to a reaffirmation of Anabaptist reformation principles, of a church of “twice-born” men and women who bear witness of their faith through believer's baptism by immersion and a disciplined church membership, he said.

