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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.-The Missouri Baptist Convention's Executive Board has proposed borrowing up to \$1 million to fund its lawsuits against five former convention agencies that declared self-perpetuating boards.

Messengers to the Missouri convention's annual session in St. Louis Nov. 3-5 will be asked to affirm creation of an Agency Restoration Fund, which will be backed by a \$1 million line of credit from a bank at prime rate.

The Oct. 9 action was reported in the Pathway, the state convention's new news journal, launched after the Word & Way amended its charter to remove the convention's authority to name trustees.

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**By Steve DeVane & Greg Warner**

*Associated Baptist Press*

WELDON, N.C. (ABP)—A former Southern Baptist missionary who refused the International Mission Board's request to rescind her ordination was hired as pastor of a North Carolina church Oct. 5.

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## ‘North Dallas’ changes, as does church’s role\_102003

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**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

DALLAS—The words “North Dallas” carry a connotation of affluence, but North Dallas Baptist Church is anything but affluent. But then again, it isn't located in what most locals today would call North Dallas either.

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# On the Move\_102003

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## On the Move

**Robert Beck** has completed an interim pastorate at Calvary Church in Pilot Point.

♦ **Tommy Billings** to Guadalupe Association as director of missions from Mullins Association in Duncan, Okla.

♦ **Ronnie Bostick** to Olden Church in Olden as interim pastor.

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Several children living in Russian orphanages are available for adoption by Christian families and singles through Buckner International Adoption Services. Among them is this boy, age 4-6, who recently was identified as adoptable by Russian authorities.



Debbie Wynne, clinical director for Buckner International Adoption Services in Dallas, said that adopting through Buckner is “a mutual process. We walk with you every step of the way, from completing your home study to our overseas staff accompanying you in your child's birth country.”

More information on international adoption through Buckner is available by calling (866) 236-7823 or visiting [www.bucknerinternationaladoption.org](http://www.bucknerinternationaladoption.org). Buckner also will offer orientation meetings Nov. 18, from 6 to 9 p.m.; and Dec. 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. at 4830 Samuell Blvd. in Dallas.

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention ( SBC ) and around the world.

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## SBC giving grows slightly for year\_102003

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**By Mark Wingfield**

*Managing Editor*

The Southern Baptist Convention ended its fiscal year Sept. 30 with undesignated receipts slightly ahead of the previous year and well ahead of budget.

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# Professor ponders tech-driven mediocre morality\_102003

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**By Jeffrey MacDonald**

*Religion News Service*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (RNS)-Quentin Schultze has a problem with personal technology. It's just not the problem many critics think he has.

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# **Action urged against slavery in Sudan\_102003**

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WASHINGTON (BP)—As a brutal civil war continues to rage in Sudan, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed a resolution condemning slavery in that country and urging the Bush administration to impose sanctions.

The resolution, which passed unanimously last month, says the United States should encourage the United Nations to require annual investigations of abuses in Sudan, according to an Associated Press report.



In April, the U.N. Commission on Human Rights voted to drop requirements for annual reports on human rights violations in Sudan and make the country eligible for financial funding. The House resolution asked that the requirements be reinstated.

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<p>The mosaic floor in a 5th or 6th century A.D. synagogue depicts the seven-branched candelabrum (menorah). A team of Israeli and Albanian archaeologists discovered the synagogue in the Albanian city of Saranda.</p>	

## Ancient synagogue discovered in Albanian city

JERUSALEM (RNS)-A team of Israeli and Albanian archaeologists has uncovered remnants from an ancient synagogue in the Albanian city of Saranda, opposite the Greek island of Corfu, the Hebrew University

announced.

Dating to the 5th or 6th century A.D., the synagogue was utilized over several periods and converted into a church during its final stage.

Although Albanian archaeologists discovered the site 20 years ago, at the time they did not realize it contained a synagogue. When further excavations hinted at the compound's Jewish roots, they called in Israeli experts from the Hebrew University Institute of Archeology.

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## Texas Tidbits\_102003

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### Texas Tidbits

✖ **ETBU holds spiritual emphasis.** East Texas Baptist University recently held its Spiritual Emphasis Week, with guest speaker Neil McClendon, a vocational evangelist and ETBU graduate. "Christianity is not what you do; it is who you are made into," he said in one of the five services. Worship music was led by Ross King of Bryan.

✖ **HSU to honor three at homecoming.** Three graduates of Hardin-Simmons University will be honored with Distinguished Alumni Awards Oct. 24 during homecoming activities. They are Fran Osborne Adkins, a veteran television personality for Big Country audiences over KTAB-TV; Lt. Col. (retired) Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch of San Antonio, a 20-year U.S.

Army veteran who was the first woman to be commissioned as an officer through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at HSU; and Dan Yeary, who has been pastor since 1993 of North Phoenix Baptist Church in Phoenix.

✖ **HSU honors Lacewells.** Robert Lacewell and Martha Nollner Lacewell of Abilene will receive the Keeter Alumni Service Award Oct. 25, the highest alumni honor granted by the university. The couple are active supporters of HSU's School of Music and the physical therapy department. He has served on the HSU board of trustees since 1996 and currently chairs the School of Music Foundation. She served five years as music foundation secretary and currently is chaplain for the alumni association. The Lacewells have been significant donors to the university, creating several scholarships, building projects, academic chairs and awards. They are members of First Baptist Church of Abilene.

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—It may take a village to raise a child, but it took only 20 fifth- and sixth-graders to build a “Bible town.”

What started as a miniature building project to teach the books of the Bible to Sunday School children at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., turned into an event that raised \$5,400 to build real homes in Mexico.

The children decorated 66 miniature houses, one for each book of the Bible.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—For the time being, the Senate has halted a bill that would create a publicly funded school-voucher program in the District of Columbia.

On Sept. 30, Republican leaders withdrew from consideration the D.C. appropriations bill, which included the voucher provision. Although it had

been debated in the Senate for several days, the bill's supporters reportedly were worried they didn't have enough votes to overcome a threatened Democratic filibuster.

A similar D.C. voucher provision already has passed the House on the thinnest of margins-209 to 208.