

# **BGCT to create funding channel for some former IMB missionaries \_82503**

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## **BGCT to create funding channel for some former IMB missionaries**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

DALLAS-Texas Baptists may soon have a way for churches and individuals to provide financial support to former Southern Baptist missionaries who were terminated or resigned over the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message doctrinal statement.

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# **Bombin the Clown has a nose for ministry \_82503**

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# Bombin the Clown has a nose for ministry

**By Leann Callaway**

*Special to the Standard*

FORT WORTH-Most people associate clowns with children's birthday parties or a circus. But a "clown ministry" is much more than that-it's a form of creative evangelism.

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## Baptist Briefs\_82503

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### Baptist Briefs

**"Purpose Driven" still on top.** "The Purpose Driven Life," written by California pastor Rick Warren, continues to top the religion best-seller list, with 4.5 million copies of the hardback book already sold. The retail price of the book is \$19.99.

♦ **Northeast university students sought.** The Baptist Convention of New England seeks information on Baptist students entering any of the universities in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. John Ramirez, director of collegiate ministry for New England Baptists, would like to connect these students with Baptist campus

ministries. Contact Ramirez at (508) 393-6013 or [John.Ramirez@bcne.net](mailto:John.Ramirez@bcne.net).

♦ **IMB leaders call for more missionaries.** Despite current economic challenges that have slowed missionary appointments, Southern Baptists need to increase their overseas missionary force by at least one-half, International Mission Board regional leaders said in an Aug. 4-8 strategy session. "This is not a time when Southern Baptists should be sending fewer missionaries," President Jerry Rankin said. "The lostness of our world is undiminished. Christ's mandate is still for us to make disciples of all peoples. And our mission of making Jesus Christ known among all peoples will not change." In addition to proclaiming the need for at least 8,500 IMB missionaries, the regional leaders agreed how the limited number of positions for new workers available in 2004 will be divided among the board's 15 regions.



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# Bible Study for Texas for

# 9\_14\_82503

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**Baptistway Lesson for Sept. 14**

*Philippians 1:27; 2:15*

## Live a life worthy of the gospel

**By David Morgan**

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# Bible Study for Texas for 9\_21\_82503

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**Baptistway Lesson for Sept. 21**

*Philippians 2:19-30*

# **Make a difference with your life**

**By David Morgan**

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## **Bible Study for Texas for 9\_28\_82503**

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**Baptistway Lesson for Sept. 28**

*Philippians 3:2-14*

## **Keep focused on knowing Christ**

**By David Morgan**

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## **Bible Study for Texas for**

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**Baptistway Lessons for Sept. 7**

*Philippians 1:1-26*

## Look at life positively

**By David Morgan**

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## Texas Baptists called to prayer for adoption need\_82503

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## Texas Baptists called to prayer for adoption need

Adela Jones, clinical director for Buckner Adoption & Maternity Services, has issued an urgent call for prayer and action for two children who have not been adopted and “need to be in their forever homes now.”

Both Precious, a 5-month-old girl, and Armani, a 9-month-old girl, are African-American, have been legally approved for adoption and are healthy, Jones said. "We desperately need two-parent, Christian families of any race who want to share their love with either or both of these sweet children."

Jones also called for prayer for Armani and Precious among Baptist Standard readers. "I plead with everyone who reads this to pray without ceasing that God would make known his plan for Precious and Armani by revealing loving parents for them."

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## **Interracial adoption blends easily into pastor's family\_82503**

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**By Jenny Hartgraves**

*Buckner News Service*

Tucked somewhere between the winding roads and picket fences of Aubrey lies the loving home of Chris and Heather Walden, a home that breathes the rich colors of nature, a much broader spectrum than what's simply black or white.

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# **Baylor president declares intention to stay in office\_82503**

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## **Baylor president declares intention to stay in office**

**By Jenny Hartgraves**

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WACO—Robert Sloan he has no intention to resign as Baylor University's president, despite the desire of some Faculty Senate members to seek a vote of "no-confidence" in his leadership, he told reporters Aug. 21.

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# **Bush affirms faith in magazine interview\_90803**

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## **Bush affirms faith in magazine interview**

WASHINGTON (RNS)-President Bush reaffirmed his reliance on his faith in an interview with Ladies' Home Journal and attributed his concern about AIDS policy to his reading of the Bible.

"Just living this life-when you realize that there is an Almighty God on whom you can rely-it provides a great comfort," the president told former White House speechwriter Peggy Noonan in a Q-and-A interview for the magazine's October issue.

"That's why I read every morning, the Bible and Scriptures and Charles Stanley devotionals. It matters a lot to me personally."

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## **Annuity Board offers insurance**

# **updates\_90803**

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## **Annuity Board offers insurance updates**

Representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board will conduct 13 regional meetings in Texas this fall to answer questions about the new medical plans that will be available to Southern Baptist ministers, church and denominational employees and seminary students in 2004.

Locations, dates and times are:

Abilene, Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.