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Buckner News Service

FORT WORTH-Rather than offering children a week spent at camp away from home, Buckner Benevolences, Broadway Baptist Church and the Booker T. Sparks School for the Performing Arts brought a camp experience to more than 100 at-risk children.

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Texas Baptist Communications

The gospel broke through cultural and language barriers during a recent mission trip along the Texas-Mexico border.

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Texas Baptist Communications

Diversity, politics and ministry issues are challenging existing associational structures, according to directors of missions across the state.

In recent years, churches left some associations to form new groups because of these issues, making directors of missions' work more complex, said Lorenzo Peña, director of associational missions for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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Around the State

Seminary extension classes will be offered on the Sweetwater campus of Texas State Technical College as a ministry of First Church in Sweetwater and the seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention. The classes offered will be New Testament Survey Part 1 and Old Testament Survey, Part 1 with Tuesday and Thursday meeting times.

Anniversaries

♦ **Doug Holtzclaw**, 25th, as pastor of First Church in Goldthwaite July 7. A luncheon and program will be held in his honor at the Mills County Civic Center at noon Sept. 21. For more information, call (325) 648-3369.

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By Mark Wingfield

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WACO—Comedian Bill Cosby came to Waco Sept. 4 to cheer up the Baylor University community, but critics of the athletic department, president and the university's 10-year vision continued to find little to laugh about.

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By Judy Long

Baylor University

WACO—A Baylor University team hopes to help Iraqis chart a new course for higher education.

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By Jenny Hartgraves

Special to the Standard

WACO—Robert Sloan 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.

BRAIN TRUST: Survivor returns to children's home _90803

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Texas Baptist Children's Home

ROUND ROCK-Kip Osborne thinks he's lucky to be the new campus life supervisor at Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock.

Baptist Briefs _90803

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Baptist Briefs

Georgia convention moving. The Georgia Baptist Convention has sold its building and property in northeast Atlanta to Mercer University for \$12 million. The five-story building sits on a 25-acre site adjoining the Atlanta campus of Mercer, which has its main campus in Macon. The 200,000-square-foot building is about 40 years old. The convention plans to move to a new facility in suburban Gwinnett County.



New Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary professor Dorothy Patterson signs the faculty roster in an Aug. 26 chapel service, signifying her agreement with the 2000 Baptist & Faith Message.

Looking on are her husband, President Paige Patterson, left, and Provost Craig Blaising.(Richard McCormack/SWBTS Photo)

♦ **Dixons return to Spain.** David and Susie Dixon, former International Mission Board missionaries to Spain, are returning to Spain in a new role. The Dixons, who have Texas roots, were among 14 missionaries fired by the IMB for refusing to sign the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message. In an Aug. 21

letter to friends and supporters, the Dixons announced David Dixon has been called as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Madrid. The part-time pastorate will allow Dixon to continue teaching at the Spanish Baptist Seminary, where he previously served under IMB appointment.

♦ **CBF aids burned-out Gypsies.** After an accidental cooking fire led to a Banjara Gypsy community disaster in Hyderabad, India, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship mission workers James and Robbi Francovich used \$2,300 in economic development funds to aid the Banjara in a unique way. They offered to pay half the cost of a new bicycle or bicycle rickshaw for anyone who could sign a contract to pay the remaining half within four months. The bicycles are a key source of the Banjara's daily income. The venture provided 26 bicycles and 30 bicycle rickshaws. Banjara pastors have worked as rickshaw drivers for several years as an outreach opportunity.

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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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Five regents of Baylor University have called on the board to terminate the service of President Robert Sloan.

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WACO—Charges that some members of the Baylor University board of regents have conflicts of interest are "completely baseless and unjustified," according to the university's internal auditor.