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WACO—Rather than firing President Robert Sloan as five members of the board of regents and the Faculty Senate had asked, the 36-member board passed a vote affirming Sloan's leadership Sept. 12.

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By Ken Camp

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DALLAS-The Baptist General Convention of Texas Administrative Committee has approved a \$45.8 million operating budget recommendation for 2004, a 10 percent decrease from the 2003 budget.

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 **Annuity Board adds Blue Cross.** The Annuity Board has reached an agreement with Highmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield that will give many participants in the Annuity Board's Preferred Provider Organization medical plans access to Blue Cross & Blue Shield PPO networks across the country. Effective Jan. 1, Annuity Board medical plan participants in many states will have a choice of networks. Current Annuity Board participants received information about the new medical plans and networks in mid-September. For more information, call (800) 262-0511.

✖ **ABP honors Wingfield.** The Associated Baptist Press board of directors presented its inaugural "writer's award" Sept. 11 to Mark Wingfield, managing editor of the Baptist Standard. Greg Warner, ABP's executive editor, praised Wingfield as the "most prolific writer" in the network of contributing reporters to the news service. The award commended Wingfield's "skill, courage and tenacity" that have "distinguished him as a champion in the ministry of Christian journalism and the cause of religious freedom."

✖ **Central Seminary president to retire.** Thomas Clifton, president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kan., for the past decade, will retire Dec. 31. Clifton is the ninth president of the 102-year-old theological school, which is affiliated with the American Baptist Churches in the USA and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

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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Texan volunteers livening up some struggling British churches

By George Henson

Staff Writer

HOUSTON-Texas Baptists are breathing new life into several struggling British Baptist churches, inspired by the calling a retired layman.

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Lesson for Oct. 12

Colossians 1:1-23

Who's No. 1?

By Joe McCammon

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Colossians 2:6-23

Lose the rules

By Joe McCammon

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Colossians 3:1-4:1

Live it up!

By Joe McCammon

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Philippians 4:2-19

Live with genuine joy

By Joe McCammon

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Around the State

Allison Church in Lipan is compiling information on the church's history. Information is sought on any pastor who served the church prior to 1946, as well as the following: **Bob Collard**, 1955-1956; **L.R. Looper**, 1956-1959; **Maurice Caldwell**, 1959-1960; **Harvey Willcox**, 1960-1963; and **Robert Chenault**, 1970-1973. Contact current pastor **Wayne Ford** at (254) 646-2908.

 **Clay Polson** was one of 18 chaplains endorsed recently by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He serves at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco.



The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor has donated 41 used computers to eight area churches including First Church of La Grange, Taylor's Valley Church of Temple, First Church of Belton, East Side Church of Killeen, Willow Grove Church of Moody, Plantersville Church of Plantersville, First Church of Moffatt and Canyon Creek Church of Temple.

Above, Jeff Loudin, pastor of Taylor's Valley Church, loads some of the donated equipment. This is an annual upgrade process of the university. As one-third of the campus computers are upgraded, one-third of the older computers and printers are donated.

✖ New faculty at Houston Baptist University include **David Adcock**, instructor in Christianity and philosophy; **James Claycomb**, assistant professor of physics; **Curtis Henderson**, assistant professor of biology; **Jamie Johns**, assistant professor of Christianity; **Dorothy Johnson**, associate professor of nursing; **Cynthia Martindill**, assistant professor of nursing; **Robert McElroy**, interim director of instrumental activities; **Ray Newman**, dean of the college of business and economics; **Amie Ryan**, assistant professor of mathematics; **Doni Wilson**, assistant professor of English; and **Jacob Wonders**, instructor of kinesiology.

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**Gage
crusade
draws big
crowds in
Kentucky.**

Evangelist
Rick Gage
preached to
crowds of
more than
10,000
during a
four-night
"Share
Jesus
Celebration"
in London,
Ky. More
than 500
spiritual
decisions
were
recorded,
including
220 first-
time
professions
of faith.

 **CBF launches ministerial sabbatical program.** Applications are being accepted for a pilot program for ministerial sabbaticals offered

through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. With a \$1.9 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, the CBF will provide a limited number of stipends for pastors to take sabbatical study leaves from their churches. To qualify, pastors must have been in their current ministry setting at least seven years. Applications must be returned by Jan. 15. For more information, contact Terry Hamrick at (770) 220-1600 or thamrick@cbfnet.org.

✖ **Patterson inauguration planned.** Paige Patterson will be inaugurated as the eighth president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth Oct. 21. The ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m.

✖ **FamilyNet adds show.** FamilyNet, a broadcast ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention's North American Mission Board, has added a new health-care program titled "Healthy, Wealthy and Wise with Frank Jordan." Jordan is a recognized expert on the immune system and related health problems, an instructor in health issues and a scientific researcher. The program will air weekdays at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Saturday at 2 a.m.

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Twentysomethings found less likely to attend church

VENTURA, Calif. (RNS)—Americans in their 20s are less likely to attend church or read the Bible than older Americans, a Barna Research Group study has found.

Thirty-one percent of twentysomethings attend a worship service in a typical week, compared to 42 percent of those in their 30s and 49 percent of all adults ages 40 and older.

The level of Bible reading also decreases by age group. Researchers found 30 percent of twentysomethings had read the Bible in the past week, compared to 37 percent of Americans in their 30s, 44 percent of fortysomethings, 47 percent of Americans in their 50s and 55 percent of adults ages 60 and older.

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Face of campus ministry changing

By John Hall

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In today's marketplace of collegiate ministries, students are shopping to fill their spiritual needs with little brand loyalty, according to Baptist collegiate ministers.