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LifeWay Family Bible Series for Sept. 28

Followers of Christ give evidence of citizenship

♦ *Matthew 7:13-29*

By David Jenkins

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Landmarks highlight church's destiny

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

WHITNEY-In 1942, the few remaining members of Fort Graham Baptist Church closed the doors and donated the building to a farmer who wanted to dismantle it and build a barn.

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Gaddy warns of sacrificing freedoms

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

OKLAHOMA CITY-Americans are scared, so fearful that they will trade freedom for security, according to a former Texas pastor who now leads the Interfaith Alliance. But truth-telling is the antidote for fear-mongering intolerance, Welton Gaddy asserted.

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Fort Worth church plants

a monument to Sept. 11 victims

By George Henson

Staff Writer

FORT WORTH-A partnership of prayer and patriotism produced a plethora of emotions at a service commemorating the lives of the 3,000 people who died Sept. 11, 2001.

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IMB will require career candidates to serve three-year apprenticeships

AUSTIN-All new candidates for long-term missionary service with the Southern Baptist Convention's International Mission Board will be required to complete a three-year apprenticeship before achieving career or associate status.

The new policy was enacted by IMB trustees during a Sept. 8-10 meeting in Austin.

Tom Hatley, chairman of the IMB mission personnel committee, told trustees research shows that missionaries who serve short-term overseas

assignments before serving as career missionaries suffer fewer transition problems, become effective more quickly and serve longer than workers without previous experience.

**Trustees
learned the
budget that
will be
recommended
for 2004 will
reflect a \$20
million
reduction
from the
current
budget.**

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Woodland
members
Warren
Blanchard,
Kay Nolan
and
Martha
Morse join
in a class
discussion.

Laity Institute classes 'go deep' at local churches

By Craig Bird

Texas Baptist Communications

SAN ANTONIO-Woodland Baptist Church in San Antonio is as sports-minded as the next congregation. But when folks there talk about “going deep,” it may not have anything to do with football, or even fishing.

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM:

Poor strategy

The Baptist General Convention of Texas' decision to conduit funds so fired/resigned International Mission Board personnel can continue in their former places of service has a pleasant ring to traditional Southern Baptists.

But it is poor missions strategy.


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In its early days, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship was swamped with inquiries from missionaries about switching their appointment to CBF. Our early missions leaders (Keith Parks and Harlan Spurgeon) wisely counseled those under FMB appointment they would need to resign from their current appointment, apply to the Fellowship and importantly, if appointed, they would not serve where they had previously. Parks and Spurgeon made wise decisions then. They are wise practices for the BGCT now. The great risk is exporting the Southern Baptist Convention mess to areas of the world where the Baptist witness is fragile at best. It breeds local confusion and prolongs turmoil.

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LifeWay anticipates \$14 million surplus for fiscal year

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)—LifeWay Christian Resources should record a \$14 million surplus of income over expenses for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, trustees were told at their fall meeting.

The Southern Baptist Convention publisher expects to post 2003 revenues of nearly \$421 million, \$6.3 million more than last year.

“LifeWay has demonstrated good stability in a weak economy,” Chief Operating Officer Ted Warren told trustees during their semi-annual meeting at LifeWay's conference center at Glorieta, N.M. He credited the introduction of new books, Bibles and literature, sound operations and tight expense control for LifeWay's success.

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Volunteers needed in Lubbock

Texas Baptist Men Builders completed more than half the work on a new residential facility for My Father's House in Lubbock, but additional volunteers are needed to finish the massive construction project, according to Shirley Madden, executive director of the ministry.

Volunteers from each of the Texas Baptist Men Builders groups-crews that specialize in building churches, encampment facilities, furniture or cabinets-teamed up to spend three months on the Living and Learning Center project.

My Father's House of Lubbock currently is located at Iglesia Bautista Templo, where it offers Christian Women's Job Corps training, teaching job skills and life skills to women in need. Texas Baptists help support Christian Women's Job Corps, a ministry originated and sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union, through gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas missions.

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BGCT-supported pastor in Moldova

offers only evangelical presence

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Romeo Gindea serves as pastor of the only evangelical church in his town. In fact, it's the only evangelical presence in a region of seven cities.

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Officials must testify in Navy chaplains' suit

WASHINGTON (RNS)-A U.S. district court judge has ruled that members and staffers of the U.S. Navy's chaplain selection boards must give testimony in lawsuits charging the military service with religious discrimination.

The opinion by Judge Ricardo Urbina of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia rejects the Navy's defense that the boards' proceedings should be kept private. Plaintiffs in two cases, including one that is a class-action suit, sought the testimony, saying it was relevant.

In both cases, current and former Navy chaplains have sued the Navy,

alleging it favors liturgical Christians over non-liturgical Christians when promoting its chaplains.

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On the move

Frank Baker to Proctor Church in Proctor as minister of youth.

- ♦ **Tommy Billings** to Guadalupe Association as executive director.
- ♦ **David Boncler** to Vista Grande Church in Colorado Springs, Colo., as youth pastor from Parkside Church in Denison.