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Fire destroys historic sanctuary of First Baptist Church in Jasper

By George Henson

Staff Writer

JASPER-The building is gone, but First Baptist Church in Jasper is alive and well, Pastor Ron Vickers reported.

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BGCT ministry tour.

Baptist General
Convention of
Texas President
Bob Campbell (left)
and Second Vice
President Debbie
Ferrier pose with a
group of children
at the main
campus of South
Texas Children's
Home in Beeville,
along with the
ministry's
president, Jerry
Haag. BGCT
officers, including
First Vice
President Rudy
Camacho, this year
have been visiting
all the human
welfare ministries
supported by the
BGCT. Gifts to the
BGCT Cooperative
Program help fund
the South Texas
Children's Home as
well as other child-
care and family
ministries located
across the state.

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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Discrimination alleged by Missouri convention employee

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.-Already embroiled in a legal battle with five of its institutions, the Missouri Baptist Convention now faces an investigation by the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for possible mistreatment of an employee.

Former convention controller Carol Kaylor said the EEOC will file formal discrimination charges against the convention within the next few weeks. Kaylor notified the EEOC of her intent to file charges after Missouri Baptist Convention Executive Director David Clippard fired her April 10.

The convention's attorney, however, counters that Kaylor was fired by Clippard for engaging in "unauthorized tampering with the executive director's computer and e-mail files," according to a convention news release.

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A note to Baptist Standard readers about the summer print schedule

A revised summer publication schedule for the Baptist Standard will take full effect after this issue.

The Standard reported earlier that the newspaper's board of directors approved a summer publication schedule that skips print publication on seven weeks as a cost-cutting measure.

Print issues have been skipped two weeks already. After this issue, the skip weeks will occur on an every-other-week cycle. The next print issue of the Standard will be dated July 14.

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MISSION IMPOSSIBLE:

Baptist worker held in Russia

By Frank Brown

Religion News Service

MOSCOW (RNS)—Andrew Okhotin, a Baptist youth pastor, took the 10-hour flight from New York to Moscow in late March on a quick and joyful mission. He was going to deliver a \$48,000 cash gift from American believers to Russian Baptists, visit for a few days with relatives and then return to the United States and his studies at Harvard Divinity School.

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On the Move

Brad Davis has resigned as music minister at First Church in Hamilton.

✕ **Denise Deaton** to First Church in Covington as minister of music and students.

✕ **Jami Demel** to Saint Paul's Church in Schulenberg as youth director.

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Israeli scholars say James ossuary a fake; others not so quick to quit

By Alexandra Alter

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-An inscription on an ancient stone burial box suggesting it held the remains of James, the brother of Jesus, is a fake, Israeli archaeological experts say.

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Patterson elected unanimously

to lead Southwestern Seminary

By Toby Druin

Editor Emeritus

FORT WORTH-Pledging he would not “clean house” but would build a faculty committed to Southern Baptist Convention guidelines, including the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message, Paige Patterson was elected eighth president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary June 24.

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