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SBC resolves families need help, decries gay unions

By Marv Knox

Editor

PHOENIX-Southern Baptists punctuated key themes of their annual gathering with statements affirming “kingdom families” and condemning homosexual unions.

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Texas pastor explains change of view

PHOENIX-The Texas pastor whose request launched the Southern Baptist Convention's new initiative on homosexuality said his views on the controversial topic have changed under conviction from God.

Bob Stith, pastor of Carroll Baptist Church in Southlake, told SBC messengers that in the past he had been “your typical hard-nosed, redneck pastor on the subject of homosexuality.”

“Everything I said in conversations and sermons was harsh,” he acknowledged. “Then I sensed God saying something to me one day, asking me if someone who was struggling with that heard me preach, would they come to me for help. I realized that they would not come to me, and if they did I would not have much to offer them.”

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SBC speakers promote kingdom, family

By Tony Cartledge

North Carolina Biblical Recorder

PHOENIX, Ariz.-Theme interpreters focused on the kingdom of God and crises facing the church during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 17-18.

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Women are 'jewels' of God's creation, humorist says

By Stacey Hamby

Midwestern Seminary

PHOENIX (BP)—Liz Curtis Higgs delivered her trademark humor to nearly 1,000 women at the Ministers' Wives Conference luncheon June 17 during the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting in Phoenix.

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Teen's 'special need' is to make

everyone smile

By Heather Price

Texas Baptist Communications

RICHARDSON-Those who know Nathan Williams, an 18-year-old with cerebral palsy, say he is changing the world one smile at a time.

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Texas Tidbits

Nominations accepted. The Texas Baptist Missions Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2003 Mission Service Awards through July 31. The foundation's board of advisers will select a winner for the Pioneer Award, which honors a longtime leader in missions or someone who played a key role in starting mission work; the Innovator Award, to a church or individual who provided a model of missions; and Adventurer Award, for outstanding financial support of leadership in ministry. Nominations may be sent to Bill Arnold at the Texas Baptist Missions Foundation, 333 North Washington, Dallas 75246.



DBU prof wins writing award. Dallas Baptist University professor of

philosophy David Naugle has received a 2003 book award from Christianity Today for his work, "Worldview: The History of a Concept." The awards are chosen by evangelical leaders in numerous disciplines including academia, the church and journalism. Among the 300 titles nominated, only 19 received honors, with Naugle's book chosen over 34 other books in the theology/ethics category. A member of the DBU faculty since 1990, Naugle also serves as chairman of the philosophy department.

✖ **HBTS honors Flores.** Fermin Flores, religious education professor for 32 years at Hispanic Baptist Theological School in San Antonio, will retire Jan. 1. Because of his exemplary service to the school, the administration, faculty, staff and students have established the Fermin Flores Scholarship Fund. Dean of Academic Affairs Javier Elizondo is collecting appreciation letters to Flores. Letters may be mailed to Elizondo at 8019 South Pan Am Expressway, San Antonio 78224.

✖ **Pehl named nursing dean.** Linda Pehl has been named dean of the Scott & White School of Nursing at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. She has worked in the nursing profession nearly 40 years at both Scott & White Hospital in Temple and at the university. Her career started as head nurse at Scott & White in 1964. She received a bachelor of science in nursing degree from Mary Hardin-Baylor College in 1973, the master of science degree in nursing from the University of Texas in Austin in 1975, and a Ph.D. from UT-Austin in 1988.

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TOGETHER: Retreat can aid ministers' marriages

Rosemary and I have worked on our marriage. Through the years, it has been more than worth it!

For 42 years, we have experienced both the joys and the difficulties pastoral ministry places on marriage. We still are learning how to communicate with each other and how to improve our understanding of each other. Some days are incredible joys. Other days can be very trying and difficult. Being in ministry is a wonderful privilege, but it can be tough on a marriage. Sometimes the balance is hard to find.

We have to make time to invest in our relationship. One of the ways we plan to do that this year is by attending the Celebrating Marriage in Ministry Retreat in San Antonio, Sept. 11-13, sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. This event takes an intentional and proactive approach in encouraging healthy marriages. An event like this can help to remind us how to keep our romance alive, how to connect with each other even in conflict and how to pray more effectively together.

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SBC messengers cut BWA allocation by \$125,000

By Trennis Henderson

Kentucky Western Recorder

PHOENIX-A proposal to reduce the Southern Baptist Convention's allocation to the Baptist World Alliance by more than 30 percent was approved June 17 with almost no discussion.

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Baptist World Alliance report includes plea for unity

By Tony Martin

Mississippi Baptist Record

PHOENIX, Ariz.-Immediately before Denton Lotz stood to bring the Baptist World Alliance report to the Southern Baptist Convention, messengers voted not to reconsider a partial defunding of the world Baptist body.

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Southern Baptist president says homosexuals can change

By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

PHOENIX, Ariz.-Homosexuals are able to change and leave the gay lifestyle, Jack Graham told reporters soon after his re-election as Southern Baptist Convention president.

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Hawkins calls Baptists to exclusive message

By Charlie Warren

Arkansas Baptist

PHOENIX, Ariz.-“God has raised up Southern Baptists to be a certain sound in our culture,” O.S. Hawkins told messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Phoenix. “There is a war on truth and on the trustworthiness of the word of God. ... If Southern Baptists don't make a certain sound in this culture, who will?”

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Motions touch on chaplaincy, state conventions, calendar

By Bob Terry

Alabama Baptist

PHOENIX, Ariz.-Should Southern Baptist military chaplains be ordained ministers?