

# On the Move

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- **Seth Austin** to Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock as minister of youth and recreation.
  - **Jeff Berger** to Westbury Church in Houston as pastor.
  - **Cari Cockrell** to First Church Denton-East in Denton as preschool director.
  - **Jason Daniels** to First Church in Haskell as youth and music minister from First Church in Seagraves.
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**Americans don't want religious pitches from presidential candidates, poll says**

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**By Heather Donckels**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Even though thousands of evangelicals flocked to Washington for the recent Values Voter Summit, more than two-thirds of Americans think presidential candidates should not use their religious beliefs to sway voters, a new poll shows.

The poll, conducted by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research for the [Interfaith Alliance](#) in October, asked 1,000 adults to agree or disagree with the following statement: “Presidential candidates should not use their religion or faith to influence voters to support them.”

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*Religion News Service*

GREENVILLE (RNS)—A federal appeals court has ruled for a Texas public school teacher who was denied the chance for a promotion after she refused to withdraw her children from a private religious school.

In 1998, Karen Jo Barrow was denied an interview for an assistant principal's job with the Greenville Independent School District after she refused to take her children out of Greenville Christian School and enroll them in a public school.

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## Tennessee Baptists gear up for struggle over trustees

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**By Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

KINGSPORT, Tenn. (ABP)— Tennessee Baptists are gearing up for a conflict most Southern Baptist state conventions settled a decade ago. Many of the state's moderates say they feel it is no longer worth fighting.

Nonetheless, Baptists on both sides of the issues are making plans to show up in force during the Tennessee Baptist Convention annual meeting, scheduled Nov. 13-14 in Kingsport.

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## Texas Tidbits

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**Recordings of Warren message available.** Audio and video recordings of Rick Warren's message during the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting are available on CD for \$5 and DVD for \$20. To order, write in the order on the order form on page 42 of the annual meeting program or on the last page of the Oct. 30 Bulletin. The requests also can be made by visiting [www.bgct.org/annualmeeting](http://www.bgct.org/annualmeeting) and downloading an order form.

**BGCT annual meeting raises \$12,000 for offerings.** Messengers and visitors to the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting in Amarillo contributed \$6,000 to the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions and \$6,000 for the Texas Baptist Offering for World Hunger. The

funds were collected during a session of the annual meeting.

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# **TOGETHER: God answered prayers in Amarillo**

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Occasionally, you will hear people say: "People can't be moved by preaching anymore. Drama, music and video are the way to go." While I acknowledge the power and value of music, drama and visual images and the blessing and benefit they bring to worship and presentations, I have never believed preaching has lost its power to move people.

Sure there are times when a spoken message can cause my eyes to glaze over and my mind to check out. But when it is done right, when the Scripture draws a passionate, intelligent, spiritually sensitive and honest presentation out of the preacher, it captivates hearers and changes lives. Of course, when you add great music to open the hearts, and stand a family with a beautiful baby before the congregation and show visual images of people in whom God is working, you add to the power of a message.

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Michael Evans preached at the African American Fellowship's preconvention meeting on Sunday evening and had us on our feet in happy testimony to the truth and joy of his message. Carlos Navarro challenged the Hispanic rally to get outside the walls of their churches and do evangelism where people are hurting. Steve Vernon, David Coffey, Rick Warren and Howard Batson all moved BGCT messengers and visitors forward spiritually, calling for a greater commitment to missions (Vernon), to our world (Coffey) and Warren's liberating news that God's purpose is to reconcile the world to himself. The joy the Father feels when he adopts his children was caught in the tears of the mother and father who stood beside Howard Batson with their smiling baby boy.

Excerpts from the messages will be reported elsewhere in this paper, and you can get the full texts, audio or video, by completing the order form at [www.bgct.org/annualmeeting](http://www.bgct.org/annualmeeting).

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# Women challenged to “live the joy of missions”

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During a national WMU missions conference, Jana McKnight (right) of Little Rock, Ark., portrays “Miss Bertha” and Vickey Lloyd of Fayetteville, Ark., plays the part of “Miss Bernice.” The duo used comedy to underscore the messages of conference speakers.  
(Photo/WMU)

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**By Julie Walters**

*Woman's Missionary Union*

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Women experience the joy God wants for them when they learn to love him with all their being, speakers told participants at the Live the Joy of Missions Conference, sponsored by national Woman's Missionary Union.

More than 825 women from 35 states and Puerto Rico attended the national event at Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark.



Lorraine Powers, president of Missouri WMU, gets hugs from elementary school students after reading to them as one of the ministry options offered in Little Rock during a national WMU missions conference. (Photo/Charity Gardner)



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# Cybercolumn by Brett Younger: Jesus's church

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## CYBER COLUMN: Jesus' church

**By Brett Younger**

Twenty years ago, I was the pastor of a small Baptist church in Paoli, Ind. If you've heard of Paoli, it's probably because of the furniture. Since 1926, Paoli Furniture, Inc. has made gorgeous furniture that the people who make it can't afford. My salary as pastor was \$14,000 a year, but the parsonage was filled with beautiful furniture.

About 1987, the Middle Adult Sunday school class—and isn't that an attractive name for a class?—decided they didn't want to sit on folding chairs anymore. They worked out a deal with one of the managers in the factory's chair department. The 14 members of the class would spend \$40 each to buy the material for chairs that would normally cost about \$500. They would make the chairs on a Saturday when the factory was closed.

Brett Younger
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# BaptistWay Bible Series for November 11: Live in response to God's mercy

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for November 11**

## Live in response to God's mercy

- Romans 12:1-8

[By Andrew Daugherty](#)

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## Cartoon

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Texas, the BGCT, the nation and around the world.

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# **RIGHT or WRONG? Counseling liabilities**

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## **RIGHT or WRONG? Counseling liabilities**

**Our church recognizes the need for a counseling ministry in our community. What kinds of legal liabilities should we be concerned about?**

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## **Baylor alumni overwhelmingly proud of alma mater, survey says**

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# Baylor alumni overwhelmingly proud of alma mater, survey says

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

For observers who always suspected that if cut, Baylor University alumni would bleed green and gold, now there's empirical data to prove it's figuratively true.

A new national survey by the Center for Survey Research & Analysis at the University of Connecticut reveals 80 percent of Baylor alumni are "very proud" to be graduates of their alma mater, and 79 percent report a special bond to Baylor.

Old Main on the Baylor campus.
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