

# **Speakers tell British Baptists: fight global warming, poverty**

May 19, 2008

British Baptists heard warnings against over-consumption and further degradation of the environment during their annual meeting in Blackpool, Lancashire.

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# **Iraq status reportedly divides panel on religious freedom**

May 19, 2008

An independent, nonpartisan federal panel's failure to issue a recommendation to the State Department about Iraq reportedly is due to political division.

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# **BGCT offers training sessions online**

May 19, 2008

The Baptist General Convention of Texas has partnered with the Canadian

Convention of Southern Baptists to offer leadership, evangelism, Bible study and church-starting training sessions online at [texas.e-quip.net](http://texas.e-quip.net).

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## **Half of SBC churches could die before 2030, president predicts**

May 19, 2008

The Southern Baptist Convention is dying rapidly, and resistance to change could kill more than half the denomination's churches by 2030, SBC President Frank Page said.

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## **Truth sung in church touches hearts, shapes lives**

May 19, 2008

Congregational singing penetrates the hearts of worshippers in ways sermons or private devotional exercises cannot, Bible scholars told participants at a Baylor University conference May 8.

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# **TBM team to train Burmese in Thailand**

May 19, 2008

The team of Texas Baptist Men attempting to deliver aid to victims of the cyclone that hit Myanmar May 2 will stay in Bangkok, Thailand, to train Burmese Christians to meet the needs of their countrymen. The seven-person rapid-response team left the United States May 11 hoping to enter Myanmar—also known as Burma—to assess needs and provide direct relief. The cyclone killed at least 8,000 and left another 50,000 missing.

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# **Texas WMU committee terminates interim executive director**

May 19, 2008

The executive committee of the [Woman's Missionary Union of Texas](#) board dismissed Nina Pinkston of Fort Worth as interim executive director May 8 and named newly elected President Paula Jeser of El Paso to fill the interim post on a volunteer basis.

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# Waylanders plan to answer their Macedonian call

May 19, 2008

PLAINVIEW—In preparation for a two-week mission trip to Macedonia, a group of Wayland Baptist University students is collecting clothing and other items to be distributed in a village on their trip.

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# Wayland grad records life's journey on walls of church

May 19, 2008

Mural reflects 12 years of twists, turns and detours for Wendi Vanlandingham.

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# UMHB students reach out, dig in to help families in crisis

May 19, 2008

More than 200 students participated in UMHB's recent Reaching Out

community service program.

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## Texas Tidbits

May 19, 2008

The [Baptist General Convention of Texas](#) will sponsor come-and-go continental breakfasts for pastors during the annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

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## BGCT launches Texas Hope 2010 evangelism initiative

May 19, 2008

The Baptist General Convention of Texas' new executive director has launched Texas Hope 2010, an initiative designed to help Texas Baptists work together to share the gospel with every non-Christian within Texas "in their own language and their own culture" by Easter 2010.