

# **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**

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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**

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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

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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**

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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.

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# **Willis, Hunt jump in crowded field vying for SBC presidency**

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SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (ABP)—A crowded field of hopefuls for the Southern Baptist Convention presidency appears to be developing, with two high-profile candidates set to join three already-announced nominees.

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# **On the Move**

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Changes in staff and ministry positions around Texas.

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## **Methodists vote to retain policies on homosexuality**

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Conference maintains language that says homosexual activity is “incompatible with Christian teaching.”

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## **Abilene church leads drive to sweeten ministry to troops in Iraq**

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Chaplain hopes word of the coffeehouse ministry will spread to other units that deploy to Iraq.