

# **Wayland graduate forms bonds in the Balkans**

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Wayland Baptist University student Melanie Vasquez, who spent six months living and ministering in the Balkans, plans to return to continue her work teaching English as a Second language and helping women establish micro-enterprises to improve their economic condition.

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# **Kentucky Baptists cut jobs, freeze salaries**

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The Kentucky Baptist Convention announced job cuts Jan. 31 intended to free up more money for national and international ministries of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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# **Morris Ashcraft, longtime**

# **Baptist educator, dies**

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Morris Ashcraft, a longtime seminary professor and administrator who after retiring helped establish a free-standing seminary for moderates disenfranchised by the "conservative resurgence" in the Southern Baptist Convention, died Jan. 29 after a long illness. He was 88.

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# **CBF announces layoffs**

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The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship announced deep staff cuts Jan. 28, citing lingering financial woes.

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# **Churches seek to minister to Boomers**

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Jan. 1 not only marked the beginning of a new year, but also saw the first Baby Boomers turn 65 years old. And congregations face the evolving challenge of finding ways to minister with and to them.

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# **Carpenter's Helpers gladly bear crosses**

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It may be wood, paint and rebar to some, but to the Carpenter's Helpers of Wimberley, the crosses they make are statements of faith.

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# **BGCT receives, displays one of top 5 artifacts from American Christianity**

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The Texas Baptist Historical Collection is displaying iconic preacher George Whitefield's elevated pulpit, one of the top five artifacts of American Christianity and a key tool that helped unite the colonies as well as lay the foundation of the revolution against England, in the estimation of Alan Lefever, director of the collection.

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# **Texas Baptist Men executive director announces retirement**

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After seven years as Texas Baptist Men executive director and more than four decades holding various leadership posts in the missions organization, Leo Smith has announced plans to retire effective Feb. 28.

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# **What makes ministry to older adults more effective?**

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Ministry to older adults must take many forms, depending upon the make-up of the group a church is trying to reach. As the U.S. population ages, congregations will have even more opportunities to engage older adults.

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# **Challenge for churches: How to care for caregivers**

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As churches minister to the most elderly and infirm among members, some also seek ways to serve their caregivers—often family members—who often labor around the clock.

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## **Belmont adds sexual orientation to anti-discrimination policy**

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Belmont University trustees voted to add sexual orientation to the historically Baptist school's anti-discrimination policy.

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## **No single size or shape fits**

# **ministry to all older adults**

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Church and denominational leaders are beginning to understand older adults cannot be categorized as a single unit, and a one-size-fits-all ministry will not meet needs.