

Baylor nursing students meet life-and-death needs in Africa

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Graduate students in Baylor University's Louise Herrington School of Nursing saved lives on a month-long medical mission trip to Ethiopia and Uganda.

Ethics and evangelism focus of Howard Payne lecture

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BROWNWOOD—Evangelism and ethics both grow out of a vibrant relationship with the God who is love, speakers told participants at the inaugural Currie-Strickland Distinguished Lectures in Christian Ethics at Howard Payne University.

Cancer survivor, age 4, throws

out first pitch

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Payton Chumbley, age 4, threw out the ceremonial first pitch at a recent Howard Payne University and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor baseball game.

Texas WMU celebrates Jesus during annual meeting

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Cheryl Segura Gochis, former national and state Acteens panelist, uses a cell phone as a teaching tool during the Texas WMU annual meeting.

WACO—Woman’s Missionary Union of Texas gathered to “Celebrate Jesus” during its annual meeting April 18-19.

In a meeting that featured seminars encouraging people to share their faith and be involved in mission work, testimonies from missionaries and sessions on prayer, leaders encouraged Texas Baptist women to celebrate

Christ's work around the globe.

On the Move

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Reports of changes in staff positions from Texas churches:

- **Martin Akins** to First Church in Bedford as pastor from First Church in Hobbs, N.M.
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Mission Lubbock fights hunger, delivers hope

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LUBBOCK—When people think of Lubbock, they think of unending cotton fields, hearty dust storms, flat plains and Texas Tech football. Few think of people like Cheryl Tannery.

Tannery, who raised three boys as a single mom, is just one of thousands of people in the Lubbock area who have been stricken by poverty and experienced hunger firsthand. But Mission Lubbock has stepped in to help rebuild the lives of people in need by providing food, clothing and furniture and showing hope that only can come from Christ.

Youth ranch accepts 75 children from FLDS compound

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LULING—Seventy-five children removed from a polygamist sect's ranch have been placed with Baptist Children's Home Youth Ranch near Luling.

Autistic children enjoy art event hosted by UMHB

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Vivica Villa, age 7 of Kempner, works on a painting at the Autism in Action art day held at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

BELTON—For several hours on a recent Saturday, a University of Mary Hardin-Baylor gymnasium was transformed into an artists' paradise. From pencils and paint to canvas and cardboard puzzle pieces, children with autism expressed themselves through original artwork during an Autism in Action event, sponsored by the Student Government Association of Texas

State Technical College in Waco.

Visionâ€”not just geographyâ€”unite associations

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FORT WORTH—Want to know what an association looks like? Don't use a still camera, because the image and functions are constantly changing as associations try to be what the churches they serve need them to be, said Tarrant Baptist Association Director of Missions Tom Law. And to fit all the churches into the same window will take a wide-angle lens—a very wide-angle lens.

“I think the association we have been familiar with is going to change drastically over the next few years,” Law said. But change is nothing new for associations, he explained.

Around the State: Three Texas missionaries appointed

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- Five people with Texas ties were among the 92 missionaries appointed by

the International Mission Board in an April 9 ceremony at First Church in Sunnyvale.

Younger leaving Broadway

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FORT WORTH (ABP)—Brett Younger, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, survived a vote to fire him last month but is leaving the church anyway—to become associate professor of preaching at Mercer University’s McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta.

“Future Focus Committee” named

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DALLAS—A committee has been formed to study the long-range future of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Stephen Hatfield, pastor of First Baptist Church in Lewisville, and Andy Pittman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Lufkin, will jointly chair the committee.