110th Annual Session of the BMA of Texas Concludes in Lufkin

The Baptist Missionary Association of Texas met for the 110th time Nov. 9 and 10 at Keltys First Baptist Church in Lufkin. Churches represented by messenger totaled 125. Seventy churches were represented by letter. In attendance were 218 messengers and 70 visitors. The total association minute money received was $10,810.

Dr. Mark Livingston, pastor of Keltys First, Lufkin, members of the church and the church staff including Jerry Browning, Evelyn Castleberry, Brady Owens and Dave Vandergriff, were more than gracious in welcoming messengers into their facilities for the annual meeting. Vandergriff, student and worship pastor at Keltys, led the congregational singing and provided special music with the church choir and instrumentalists. The times of worship were awesome. As always, the Jacksonville College Choir did a magnificent job in singing beautiful praises to our Lord.

On Tuesday evening, Vernon Lee, senior pastor of First, Jacksonville, preached the annual message on the glory of God from the Book of Exodus. He challenged those at the meeting to surrender their lives for the glory of God.

Jerry Fulton, president of the BMA of Texas, following congregational singing on Wednesday morning, delivered the president’s message, using 1 Corinthians 10:14-31, which includes the theme verse for the meeting (verse 31) as his text. Fulton emphasized that the goal of every believer should be to enhance God’s reputation in the world.

Steve Cowart, pastor of Eighth Avenue, Teague, performed a concert of songs he has recorded during the Wednesday afternoon session. Also, thanks to Buddy and Jeanette Altman for leading the crowd in \textit{To God be the Glory} to close the meeting.

Jerry Burnaman, BMA of Texas Executive Director, and Dr. Tom Campbell, Director of Facilitating Ministries for the SBTC, sign Related Ministry Agreement.

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Beauty by God

“I think I can speak for everyone who attended the State WMA meeting Nov. 9 at Keltys First, Lufkin, that we all went away feeling beautiful.”

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What if?

Have you ever wondered “What if?” Sure, we all have. Following the BMA of Texas Annual Session, I wondered the following:

What if every church in the BMA of Texas was represented by messengers at the annual meeting?

What if every church in the BMA of Texas supported every department in the BMA of Texas?

What if every pastor in the BMA of Texas educated his congregation on the work of the BMA of Texas?

What if every church in the BMA of Texas decided to become actively involved in planting a church within their local association or someplace else in Texas?

What if every church in the BMA of Texas encouraged its students to attend Jacksonville College?

What if every church in the BMA of Texas invested in helping to fund facilities for new and existing churches by placing their funds with the Baptist Missionary Loan Association?

What if every church in the BMA of Texas promoted foster care and adoptions through the Texas Baptist Home for Children?

What if every church in the BMA of Texas was a member of the Baptist Progress church plan, thereby placing information concerning BMA of Texas ministries in the hands of their members 24 times each year?

We can’t know for certain the results if all of the above came true, but as an association of churches we would be much stronger than we are and able to do more for the glory of God.

If every church in the BMA of Texas sent three messengers to the BMA of Texas Annual Session, there would be over 1,200 in attendance each year. If every church in the BMA of Texas supported every department in the BMA of Texas with at least 10% of their total offerings, more churches could be planted throughout our state, more children and families could be ministered to through the Texas Baptist Home for Children, more courses could be offered at Jacksonville College, more church facilities could be built with the help of the Baptist Missionary Loan Association, and more people would be informed of what is going on in the BMA of Texas through the pages of Baptist Progress. If all of the “What ifs” above came true the BMA of Texas could be used mightily of God. And the truth of the matter is each of the “What ifs” listed above are completely doable.

I offer the following challenges to each church in the BMA of Texas:

Each church strongly consider giving to the Unified Budget Plan. Each month, your church treasurer can write one check to the BMA of Texas, mark the check “Unified Budget Plan” and mail it to BMA of Texas, P.O. Box 73, Waxahachie, Texas 75168. By doing so, your church can be assured that the money you send will be distributed to each department of the BMA of Texas according to the needs of each department.

Each church invite David Pittman, church relations coordinator for the BMA of Texas, to speak to your church about our state work.

Each church work together with State Missions and other churches within your local association to plant a church within your area of the state within the next five years. Some churches are large enough that they can afford to ask several members to become a core group in starting a new congregation. In the 1980’s Farley Street, Waxahachie, sent over 50 members north of town begin what is today Heritage Baptist Church. It works, if we are just willing!

Each church take your high school juniors and seniors for a tour of Jacksonville College. Emphasize to them that Jacksonville College is the college that is different. Assure the prospective students that Christian education is guaranteed and tuition is low at JBC.

Each church promote foster parenting and or adoptions through the Texas Baptist Home for Children. Encourage your members to purchase school supplies and Christmas gifts for the children in the Home’s care.

Each church join the Baptist Progress church plan.

Each church plan now to send three messengers to the 2011 Annual Session of the BMA of Texas next year. The meeting will be held at Farley Street, Waxahachie, Nov. 8 and 9, 2011.

As an association of churches, let’s determine that in 2011 and what is left of 2010, that for His glory, we will plant churches, we will protect and serve the family, we will provide education and we will promote interest in ministry. With God all things are possible! Can we all say in one accord “For His glory, we will?”
In a meeting of the Jacksonville College Board of Trustees, Dr. Edwin Crank announced his plans to retire as president of Jacksonville College on Dec. 31, 2011. Dr. Crank became president in June, 1988 after serving as chairman of the religion department from August, 1986 to May 1988. He made his resignation official with a letter to the trustees at a September 26 meeting.

Prior to joining the faculty of Jacksonville College, Crank had served on the faculty of the BMA Theological Seminary and as pastor of First, New Summerfield. Also, he had served for a time as business manager of the seminary.

Dr. Crank received the Associate of Arts degree from Jacksonville College in May, 1956. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University in May, 1958. He began seminary studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall of 1958 and received the Master of Religious Education degree in January, 1961. He did graduate to work at East Texas State University (now Texas A&M at Commerce) in the late sixties.

Dr. Crank received his Doctor of Education degree in Adult and Extension Education in 1991 becoming the first president of Jacksonville College to hold a doctoral degree.

Dr. Crank told the trustees that Jacksonville College has been his life for the past 23 years. He said, “I have loved what I have done and am doing as president. The people with whom I have worked, the trustees that have worked with me, the students that have attended, the parents of the students, the pastors and constituencies of the denomination that have given wonderful support and have made my work pleasant. I have loved it.”

The trustees have released a notice to receive applications for the position of president. Dr. Crank asked the trustees to try to have a candidate in place by June, 2011 to provide for a six month transition period. He, however, did offer flexibility in the process.

Dr. Crank emphasized that he is only retiring from the presidency of the college, and will be pursuing other professional opportunities. “Jacksonville is our home. We love East Texas and plan to stay involved in the community in different ways.”

Dr. Edwin Crank

Applications Requested

POSITION: PRESIDENT OF JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE
DATE POSTED: NOVEMBER 16, 2010
LOCATION: JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS
REPORTS TO: THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE

DEFINITION OF PRESIDENT:

The president of Jacksonville College is a person who possesses the credentials and experience to hold a full time position as the chief administrator of the college. The position has responsibility for the overall direction of the institution and for interpretation of its purposes and goals to the broader community including churches, associations, other educational institutions, and local, state, and federal governments. The President shall implement all policies, rules, and regulations imposed on the institution by the Board and by applicable law.

SCHEDULE:

The position of president requires travel to churches, associational meetings, and other opportunities for the promotion of Jacksonville College.
DECEMBER 3, 2010
Knowing Yourself Working with Others
(Relational Studies)
DFW North Comfort Inn
L.E.A.P. Ministry Initiative Training.

DECEMBER 4-5, 2010
Basic Training for TEAM Leaders
DFW North Comfort Inn
L.E.A.P. Ministry Initiative Training.

DECEMBER 28-30, 2010
MERGE (Arkansas and Texas Youth)
Daniel Springs Camp, Gary

JANUARY 8, 2011
Church, Call and Culture Workshop
DFW North Comfort Inn
L.E.A.P. Ministry Initiative Training

JANUARY 25, 26 2011
e-Connect Ministry Lab
“Ministering in a Post-Christian Society”
L.E.A.P. Ministry Initiative Training.

FEBRUARY 22, 23 2011
e-Connect Ministry Lab
“Pattern for Ministry Flow”
L.E.A.P. Ministry Initiative Training.

APRIL 11-13, 2011
BMA of America Annual Meeting
Ray Clymer Exhibit Hall MPEC Events Center
Wichita Falls

NOVEMBER 8-9, 2011
BMA of Texas Annual Meeting
Farley Street Baptist Church, Waxahachie

available po sitio ns
Pastor—Freestone, Teague is seeking a pastor. Send resume to Freestone Baptist Church, ATTN: Pulpit Committee, 736 F.M. 80 South, Teague, Texas 75860.
Pastor—Skyview Hills, Pearland is seeking God’s leadership in the selection of a new pastor. Any minister who feels God’s direction to apply for this position, should send a resume to Pastor Search Committee, Skyview Hills Baptist Church, 3700 Highway 88 E., Pearland, Ms. 77581 or email at larry.welborn@comcast.net.
Pastor—First Missionary, Morton is seeking a pastor. Send resume to the church at P.O. Box 981, Morton, Texas 79346 or contact Jimmy Sealey at 806-523-0324.
Pastor—Pecan, Robert Lee is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Contact Bill Hood, P.O. Box 724, Robert Lee, Texas 76945 or contact Jimmy Sealey at 806-523-0324.
Pastor—Temple, Little Rock, Arkansas is seeking a pastor. Submit resumes directly to the search committee at bcpastorsearch@yahoo.com. Mail to: bcpastorsearch@yahoo.com. You may also contact the church office at 501-565-4966.
Pastor—Blackjack, Troup is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Send resume to the church at P.O. Box 605, Troup, TX 75789.

PASTOR & STAFF CHANGES
DAVID LONG is the new pastor at Jackson, Joaquin

AVAIL able MINISTERS
Tommy Guthrie is available for pulpit supply or interim pastor. Contact him at 903-326-5017 or 903-293-8044.
Carl Willis is available for pulpit supply or to serve as interim pastor. Contact him at 817-263-9980.
Friends Say Jacksonville Woman Enjoys Her Longevity, Notoriety

By KELLY GOOCH
Staff Writer, Tyler Morning Telegraph

JACKSONVILLE -- With the Earth’s population pushing 7 billion, Eunice G. Sanborn has achieved a distinction that few people ever have or will achieve.

Ms. Sanborn -- whose lifetime has spanned three centuries, 20 presidencies and inventions that included air travel, the automobile and the iPhone -- became the world’s oldest person Thursday with the passing of Eugenie Blanchard, a woman who lived on the French Caribbean island of St. Barts, according to The Associated Press.

Ms. Sanborn is 114 years and 108 days old, although her birthday is actually July 20, 1895, making her 115 years old. Officials have used 1896 as her birth year, based on information they have.

In her home Thursday, she was lying in her bed, with her eyes intermittently open and closed.

She was seemingly coherent and able to engage in conversation using few words.

When she was told that she was now officially the world’s oldest living human, her reaction was, “I’m the oldest person?”

Although she acknowledged that she’s the oldest person, she did not fully expand on how it felt to have the designation.

However, she did say she likes to eat everything and do anything. She also told her caretaker that she loved her.

Christine Bunn, Ms. Sanborn’s neighbor, was pleased to hear about her long-time friend’s new designation.

“It’s just wonderful because she likes notoriety,” she said. “Anything doing with life, she’s in for it.”

David French, who’s been named as Ms. Sanborn’s power of attorney, described her as “a blessing to everyone who knows her and comes in contact with her.”

Ms. Bunn said her friend loves the Lord and her church, First Baptist Church in Jacksonville. She said Ms. Sanborn also has asked other people whether they love the Lord, too.

“If it’s a stranger, she’ll want to know if they’re a Christian,” Ms. Bunn said.

Ms. Sanborn’s life philosophy, Ms. Bunn said, has been “do good and love the Lord.”

An Amazing Year
The past year has seen an incredible series of age milestones for Ms. Sanborn.

At the age of 113 years, 261 days, Ms. Sanborn became the United States’ oldest person at 4 a.m. April 6 when Neva Morris died in Iowa City, Iowa, according to Tyler Morning Telegraph archives. Ms. Morris had become the oldest living American in March, when a 114-year-old New Hampshire woman died.

“I love everything about my life,” Ms. Sanborn said in April during a telephone interview from her home of more than 60 years. “I have no complaints. I like everything about it. I like everybody I come in contact with.”

At the time, the Gerontology Research Group in Los Angeles listed Ms. Sanborn as the world’s fourth-oldest person, with Japan’s Kama Chinen, at 114 years, 332 days, having the distinction of Earth’s oldest.

Ms. Sanborn became the third oldest when Ms. Chinen died May 1, only a week before her 115th birthday.

At the time, Ms. Bunn said Ms. Sanborn, who is blind, was having good and bad days like anyone else, but her friend’s stamina was impressive.

“I’m just amazed she still keeps up and that she’s here,” she said. “It’s just marvelous, I think, that we still have her in as good of health as she’s in.”

Ella Anderson, a caretaker, said at the time that Ms. Sanborn loves birthdays and wants others to celebrate with her. She added that Ms. Sanborn talked about the importance of tithing and liked singing, praying and being read to. Her favorite foods include baked sweet potatoes and red beans.

A party was thrown for her birthday July 20, when she ascended to the world’s second-oldest person.

Her History
Born in Lake Charles, La., Ms. Sanborn has outlived three husbands. Her only child, Dorothy, died more than four years ago at age 90. Her first husband, an oilman, died in an automobile crash about 1923.

His father was involved in the building of the Titanic.

Ms. Sanborn helped her second husband, Wesley Garrett, whom she met in Lake Charles, build Love’s Lookout, a recreation and entertainment center that opened near Jacksonville in 1937.

Love’s Lookout at the time featured Cherokee County’s first cement-bottom swimming pool. In 1940, Garrett died of a heart attack near the pool.

Ms. Sanborn bought a two-story Victorian house on Bonner Street and still lives there. Her daughter and third husband, who died in the 1970s, lived there.

Ms. Sanborn worked with the Republican Party and made donations to Jacksonville College. She is a lifetime Order of the Eastern Star member and is known for her strong faith.

Ms. Sanborn was born the year X-rays were discovered, Fanny Farmer published her first cookbook and Leo Hirshfield unveiled the Tootsie Roll.

The first modern Olympics opened in Athens, Greece, in April of that year, and Henry Ford completed the first gasoline-powered motorcar in his Detroit workshop.

President Grover Cleveland was serving his second term when she was born, and only 31 years had passed since the end of the Civil War.

Ms. Bunn said she doesn’t know what has kept Ms. Sanborn living so long.

However, she said, it is the Lord’s will that she still is alive.

“She knows whenever He wants to take her, she’s ready,” she said. But the “Lord’s not ready” yet.

Tyler Morning Telegraph Managing Editor Brian Pearson contributed to this report.
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领导会议

领导会议在周二下午举行，讨论了策划步骤。领导会议包括了提意见来使会议正规化的建议。会议的总结包括了重要决议和将要采取的行动。

WhA

 WhA 于今年召开的领导会议是首次寻找教会。教会由提意见的人和受到邀请的教会参加。提意见的人包括了德克萨斯州的教会。会议的总结包括了重要决议和将要采取的行动。

金陵学院

金陵学院的院长 Crank 在 2001 年就任，他的任期为 23 年。他认为，金陵学院的财务状况一直得到改善。金陵学院也进行了巨大的改善和改进。

传报进步

传报进步今年为各教区提供了一个 Every Sunday Bulletin Service。传报进步还提供了一个网站来支持教会。

BMA of Texas of 2011

BMA of Texas of 2011 是一个组织，它的目标是提供给教会一个统一的管理方式，以支持教会的工作。

State Missions

州使命是支持教会的工作。州使命的目标是提供给教会一个统一的管理方式，以支持教会的工作。

Administrative Committee

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BMA of Texas Task Force

BMA of Texas Task Force 是一个组织，它的目标是提供给教会一个统一的管理方式，以支持教会的工作。

Great Day Across Texas

Great Day Across Texas 是德克萨斯州的一个组织，它的目标是提供给教会一个统一的管理方式，以支持教会的工作。
Harmonious Meeting

By DR EDWIN CRANK
President, Jacksonville College

Harmony prevailed throughout the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas Meeting in Lufkin. Kelty’s First Baptist Church did a wonderful job hosting the meeting. Speaking on behalf of Jacksonville College, this president wishes to say, “Thank you” to this fine church. The officers did a fine job. The accommodations in the city were very good.

The PowerPoint presentation of the college worked fine in the college system before leaving and worked fine on arrival back at the campus, thus the inability to show the presentation was due to the difference in the systems. Technology is very sensitive. Thanks for your understanding.

The highlight of the meeting was the Related Ministry Agreement with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention which was well-received by the association. The SBTC will be considering this agreement this week in their meeting in Corpus Christi. There is no doubt that the two bodies will be able to do more in promoting the work of both bodies and strengthening the Kingdom of God. The very foundation is that both bodies believe the cardinal truths of the Bible and hold the Bible to be the inerrant word of God. God bless this cooperative effort.

Thanks for the compliments on the choir’s presentation on Tuesday evening. A picture of the choir accompanies this article. Their opening concert, Nov. 18, will be history when these lines are read.

This Semester’s Events

This has been a good semester and has been filled with great events. The students have been involved in a lot of activities. The chapel times have been a blessing. The Manley Lecture series was very informing and challenging to stand for the truth. One of the best fall festivals conducted by the students was experienced. The Backyard Bible Club meetings have drawn children from the community around the college to hear the Gospel. The students did some good community service work at Caldwell Zoo in Tyler through the Boo-at-the-Zoo program that is staged annually. Special events are almost endless. The PTK (Phi Theta Kappa) students collected 85 coats for the Coats-for-Kids Program for H.O.P.E. (Helping Others to Pursue Enrichment).

Please remember to pray for the students who are involved in the Mission Team Organization that goes out into churches to serve.

Some Dates to Remember

The theatre department and the music department will present a musical/drama, Christmas Card, on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in Buckner Chapel. The campus lights are almost all in place and will be lighted on that evening. Plan to bring a group for that event and experience some real Christmas spirit.

Reserve the dates Jan. 28-29 for Jacksonville College Homecoming. This will be a great time to return to campus and visit with former classmates and friends.

Jaguars Doing Well

Both Jaguar teams are doing well. They have played in several pre-season games. The first conference games will be played at Angelina College in Lufkin on Nov. 23. The first conference game at home will be December when Blinn College will come to town. The men will play Lamar College at Port Arthur on Dec. 4. A schedule for the spring semester will be printed later. That schedule begins on Jan. 5.

This and That!

By JERRY BURNAMAN
Executive Director, State Missions

Thank you for attending the BMA of Texas Annual Meeting in Lufkin, Nov. 9-10. It is essential for messengers to attend and care for the business of our association. Pastors, continually share the ministries of the BMA of Texas with your people and pray continually for God to work among us.

I appreciate those who spoke at our Leadership Conference: Tim Gibson, Dr. Mark Livingston, Dr. Allen Tilley and Cecil Linke. These men presented great ideas about preaching, discipleship, ministry and evangelism. Everyone that attended should have received one principle to help you have a more effective ministry.

Some have contacted me since the meeting about the Rainer Research Report and how to get a copy. Just call the BMAA office in Little Rock, Arkansas — 501-455-4977 — and ask for the report.

State Missions is my passion. It is essential for us to start new churches that become strong in order to care for our growing international mission work. I ask you to be a prayer partner, get personally involved in a mission work, challenge your church to give regularly to missions and expect God to do a great work among us. I am available to come to your church, your auxiliary meetings, or an association meeting to share our vision for State Missions.

Also, our church planters are available to speak at your church on Sunday evenings. If you would like for one of them to speak in a Sunday morning service, that could also be arranged. It is our desire to be an extension ministry of our local churches to reach the 20 million plus that do not attend church.

BMA Loan Association

There is increasing interest regarding an investment in the BMLA. Here are the ways you can support this ministry: (1) an individual or church gift; (2) a CD that is currently paying 3.5% interest with a minimum investment of $1,000; (3) a share account that pays 2% with a minimum of $5.00. It would be a joy to share more information with you; just call the office, 972-923-0757.
**Special Blessings**

*By EDDIE MARSH*
*President, Texas Baptist Home for Children*

This article is being written on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, just one day after the annual meeting of the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas. It is always a special blessing to visit with you and hear of God’s blessings on your ministry. The Home appreciates the favorable response concerning the video; it was truly an act of love putting it together. Some of you have requested that we make it available to use in your area. The plan is to use it in each of the rallies that are scheduled. This will permit some of those, in your area, who were not able to attend the association meeting, to see an overview of the ministry.

A couple of you inquired about the production of the video. It was done by Fervent Productions in Midlothian, who sees this as a ministry and were willing to do the DVD at an excellent price. If you would like more information, feel free to contact Jen Jobe or Bro Eddie at the Home. If you would like for the DVD to be shown in your church or association, just contact the Home and arrangements will be made.

I am in the fourth month, of my seventh year, as president of Texas Baptist Home for Children. One of the special blessings associated with this position is the opportunity to visit and correspond with the ladies of the WMA auxiliaries across the state. We are honored to have been chosen as the project for the coming year. A couple of years ago the State GMAs provided a new floor for the hallway of the building that houses the foster care program, but this is the first time that the Home has been chosen as the State WMA project. The emphasis will be on the purchase of a van for the Plains Cottage that houses the girls. The time has come to replace the old one and the help of this group is deeply appreciated. Paula Dosser, who was very active in the GMA program as both a state and national officer, is now a young wife and mother who serves as state project promoter for the WMA. Paula is a very creative young woman and has some great ideas of how the goal of $20,000 can be reached. We have a big God and it will be exciting to see His work in this area throughout the year.

For many years, the churches and individuals of the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas have provided for the children of Texas Baptist Home for Children. At no time is this more evident than Christmas. At this time of the year, churches will contact the Home for a list of children for whom they may purchase gifts. This year we have not received as many requests and our staff is a little nervous. If you have planned to request a list and have not done so, or if you plan to provide gifts and have not contacted the Home, please do so. Kristen Smith coordinates this activity and will be happy to talk with you. If you are planning a trip to the Home during the holidays, we would love to see you. To help properly prepare, please call and inform Kristen concerning when you plan to arrive. You may also contact me. This is always an exciting time of the year and we are thankful that we can share it with you. You can truly help to put a smile on the face of a boy or girl who calls Texas Baptist Home for Children home.

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**The Significance of Seven**

*By NIKKI NANGAUTA*
*Adoption Case Worker, Texas Baptist Home for Children*

When people hear that I’m an adoption case manager I never know what reaction I will receive. Many see it as a noble profession while others just don’t understand it. The majority see it as difficult while others joke about the little pay people in this line of work make. To this I say, “You wanna discuss numbers, lets discuss some real numbers.” Three thousand eight hundred and one lives a year or one every 30 seconds. (Stop, count to 30…another life cut short).

The U.S. has once again topped a list but this list is nothing of which to be proud. We have the highest number of unplanned pregnancies among comparable countries. Forty nine percent of all pregnancies are unplanned, which in turn is costing the U.S $9,000,000,000 annually. Sobering figures I know but don’t forget that these “numbers” represent lives. The people affected are even more numerous.

As you allow this to sink in, let your hearts break for the dreams never realized, the childhoods never experienced, the hugs missed out on and the weeping of our Father’s heart for the lives forever changed. On the other end of this spectrum is adoption; the fulfillment of dreams and the creation of forever families. I believe adoption is at the heart of who God is. God thought this whole thing up. He adopted us into His family. He opens the door for joy, a sense of belonging, abundant “life” and unconditional love when we accept His invitation to be His child. Let me leave with you one more number: 7; seven forever families created this last year through the Texas Baptist Home’s private infant program alone. Seven heroic and selfless women, who not only chose life for their child, but also chose to place them in a family and environment, that will be best for their child. That’s seven children whose smiles, hugs, and laughter bring joy to the lives of everyone around them.

November is my favorite month and it so happens to be National Adoption Awareness Month which is the perfect opportunity for us to be the voice of these waiting families and unborn children. It also gives us the chance to tell women who find themselves in the scary situation of an unplanned pregnancy that they have choices! It’s a month set aside to advocate for unborn babies, celebrate adoptive families and educate the interested. If the latter is you, we are excited and want to hear from you.

Contact Nikki Nangauta, TBHC Adoption Case Worker, at 972-937-1321 or at 972-938-3901. We would be happy to answer questions and tell you more about the amazing gift of adoption.
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POSITION DESCRIPTION/QUALIFICATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES:

The board of trustees for Jacksonville College is seeking applicants for the position of president.

Successful applicants will meet the following qualifications:

- Ph.D. or Ed.D. in higher education, education, or related field from a regionally accredited university.
- Record of successful demonstration of educational administrative skills in the areas of finance, budget, development, strategic planning, educational and facilities, and in educational accreditation.
- Exceptional personal qualities including integrity, honest, empathy, enthusiasm, creativity and flexibility.
- Ability to formulate and articulate a vision and positive directions for the college’s future.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Jacksonville College mission.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas.

Responsibilities will include effective educational leadership, administrative management, public relations, board relations, fund raising, budget management, and administration of traditional and non-tradition academic programs. Additional responsibilities may ensue as the academic programs of the college grow and develop.

SALARY & BENEFITS: Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience and other qualifications.

DATE POSITION IS AVAILABLE: January 2011 or earlier as deemed appropriate.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION OR NOMINATION:

Applications will be reviewed in the order received and will continue until December 31, 2010 or until the position is filled. In accordance with applicable provisions of federal law, applicants for employment who are in agreement with the educational mission of Jacksonville College are considered without discrimination on the basis of race, age, sex handicapping condition, national origin or genetic information. Applications are required and are available from the office of president, Jacksonville College, Send completed application, a current curriculum vita, and unofficial transcript(s) to:

Board of Trustees
Jacksonville College
105 B.J. Albritton Drive
Jacksonville, TX 75766  -  (903) 586-2518

ABOUT THE COLLEGE:

Moved by the need for a college in East Texas, a group of earnest Baptists met in Palestine, Texas, March, 1899. They formed a permanent organization known as, “The East Texas Educational Society.” They proceeded in their plans to establish an institution which would provide academic and cultural training under religious influence. Jacksonville became their choice for the location of the college.

On July 20, 1899, a building site consisting of 18 acres was bought for Jacksonville College. The trustees gave a contract for a three-story brick building in May, 1899. The school opened in September with an enrollment of 34 students and before the end of the opening session, the enrollment increased to 85 students.

In the original organization the college was organized on the senior college level, awarding the Bachelor of Arts Degree to its graduates. The college functioned as a senior college until 1918, when it was reorganized on the junior college level. The college has continued to function on the junior college level since 1918, awarding its graduates the Associate in Arts degree and the Associate in Science degree.

In 1923 the original charter was amended to provide that Articles 7, 8, and 9 be changed to allow the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas to become the owner of Jacksonville College. Since that date the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas has owned and operated the college. In July of 2002 the college also became affiliated with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

The college is located in a city of some 12,000 inhabitants, nestled in the beautiful, rolling hills of East Texas. The city boasts several industries, a prosperous farming region, friendly people, a fine system of public schools, another junior college, a national seminary and many fine churches.

The student body, the strong faculty, the campus spirit, and the location all combine to make Jacksonville College an ideal place for any student who seeks a sound education which keeps Christ preeminent. See http://www.jacksonville-college.edu/aboutjbc.htm for more information.
Beauty by God

“He hath made everything beautiful in His time.”

By SHARON COLE
Editor, Texas WMA

I think I can speak for everyone who attended the State WMA meeting Nov. 9 at Kelty’s First, Lufkin, that we all went away feeling beautiful. Throughout the day, we were made to feel special, receiving prizes, being fed physically and spiritually, seeing and hugging people we hadn’t seen in a year and being reminded that we have a purpose in God’s perfect plan. Texas WMA President Cindy Allen welcomed us along with the Angelina District WMA President Elizabeth Hobbs. Special thanks go to the ladies, and men of the church and all the ladies of Angelina District WMA for their hospitality, work and courtesy in taking care of all the needs of the day.

A total of 108 ladies registered for the day from 62 churches, two states and one foreign country. Project Promoter Paula Dosser blessed our hearts by announcing that the total offerings so far for the project is $15,867.91. Offerings still coming in will be counted for this year’s project through the end of November. A final total will be announced at that time.

The new project for 2010-2011 is funds to purchase a van for the girls’ cottage at the Texas Baptist Home for Children. A new WMA group has been established. Solid Rock Baptist Church, Zavalla, petioned membership into the Texas WMA. Those receiving recognition for attaining the Standard of Excellence were: Enon, Gilmer; Fellowship, Pittsburg; First, Jacksonville; Lake Highlands, Sulphur Springs; Mt. Pisgah, Mineola; Myrtle Springs, Quitman; Rosewood, Gilmer; and Temple, Mexia.

Mrs. Valarie Fish, national WMA president, blessed our hearts as she spoke to us about Four Things that Women Want. The first thing every woman wants is to be beautiful. God, our Father, tells us we are beautiful and wonderfully made. But Satan, the big fat liar, tells us we are worthless. Believe God when he tells you that you are beautiful. He’s the only one who matters. Secondly, every woman wants to be loved and accepted. God loves with an everlasting love. Satan attacks and knows you will act like you think you are. He wants you to be distracted and makes us remember our sins. But God loves, forgives and remembers them no more! There is no sin bigger than God. Thirdly, every woman wants to have purpose. Acts 17:28 says “…in him we live and move and have our being…” God designed you for a specific purpose. He wants you to know him and believe him. Satan plants doubt in us all, just as he did with Eve. Fourthly, every woman wants to live happily ever after. If we know Jesus as a personal Savior, Satan can’t touch our “ever after” so he goes after our “happily.” He creates doubt in God, lowers our self esteem, and keeps us busy so we don’t have a relationship with God. But we can say with assurance: “I am beautiful, I am loved and accepted, I have a purpose, and I can live happily ever after, because “My Father God says so!”

National Sunbeam Promoter Claudie Thompson, spoke about their project Children Helping Children, part of BMMI, and encouraged all Sunbeam teachers to attend the Sunbeam meeting at GMA Retreat in June. Jacksonville College Choir blessed our hearts with a selection of beautiful songs.

Installation of new Texas WMA officers was conducted by Jane Meyers, recording secretary. She spoke to us about Treasures, using Luke 12:34, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” We all have treasures we think are important, personal possessions, family, but our greatest treasures are the ones we lay up in heaven. Each officer was given a gift of a heart frame with the above scripture imprinted inside. Rebekah Holmes, Texas Junior Miss, spoke of how the Lord has blessed her through GMA and read John 14:1-6. Alicia Johnson closed our meeting with prayer and blessings on all those who made this meeting possible. See you next year!

Hats to Honor Beautiful Women

In Honor of:
- Lois Newton
- April Nolen
- Renee Nolen
- Mildred Oden
- Nancy Orr
- Themla Owens
- Margie Ward Paley
- Joanne Perlino
- Virginia Pittman
- Jane Polland
- Precious Mom Rosie
- Staci Price
- Sue Price
- Pat Quesenbury
- Helen Rhodes
- Anna Richter
- Jackie Rick
- Laura Rivers
- Laura Robertson
- Mickie Robertson
- Lillian Robinson
- Johnnie Ross
- Ned Ross
- Sardis, Jewett WMA
- Claudia Scott
- Tiffani Shelby

Remembered by:
- Linda Phillips
- LaVerle Spurgeon
- Kitty Downey
- Sarah Spunagle
- Sandra White
- Beverly Kymes
- Staci Price
- Mary Everitt
- Carol Taylor
- Shelia Wilcox
- Georgia Johnson
- Melissa Van Cleave
- Staci Price
- Union Hill B.C.
- Brenda Sherrill
- Little Flock WMA
- Georgia Johnson
- Beth Hierominus
- Mickie Robertson
- Darlene Burnitt
- Mickey Robinson
- Mickie Robertson
- Doris Gucker
- Johnnie Ross
- Mickey Robinson
- Francis S. Cantrell

Hats in Memory of Beautiful Women

In Memory of:
- Margurite Phillips
- Nina Poole
- Jettie Porter
- Juanita Potts
- Alta Rial
- Stacy Ann Risinger
- Pat Riza
- Eloise Roberts
- Mazzelle Robertson
- Yvonne Romine
- Lorena Sandifer
- Ruth Siras
- Billie Slemp
- Anita Small

Remembered by:
- Linda Phillips
- Donna Canup
- Carol Shine
- Marie Gregory
- Camille Acres B.C.
- Wendy Boatman
- Mickie Robertson
- Carleen Thompson
- Patti White
- Mickie Robertson
- Alicia Johnson
- Elaine George
- Annie Williams
- Brenda Sherrill
- Alicia Johnson
- Carleen Thompson

Corrections

In the Oct. 20 issue, T’Shana Everitt should have been listed in honor of, remembered by Lynda Hill. In the Nov. 3 issue, Mildred Hines should have been listed in honor of, remembered by Lynda Hill and Erma Gorman should have been

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Making Everlasting Smiles

On behalf of Rigoberto Jimenez Cruz in El Salvador and Asatur Nahapetyan in Armenia, I extend heartfelt thanks to each of the hundreds of churches and their members across the BMA of America for your help in Making Everlasting Smiles a success again this year.

Pictured above is the last box that was placed on a pallet to be shipped. Since Jim Brewer had worked so tirelessly preparing the boxes for shipment, the ladies decided to send him along with the last box!

Please pray with me that the shoeboxes will open many doors in El Salvador and Armenia and through Making Everlasting Smiles many will come to Christ and new churches will be planted.

By RALPH IZARD, M.D.
Baptist Medical Missions International

Antioch Baptist Church Honors Pastor’s 20 Years of Service

November, 2010, marks 20 years of service for Bro. Rodger Cole at Antioch Baptist Church, Carthage. Bro. Rodger came from Arkansas Thanksgiving week bringing wife, Sharon; daughters, Christy and Sarah; and sons, John and Bryan. Born and raised in White County, Arkansas, he was saved at the age of 12 and surrendered to preach at age 16 at Russell Missionary Baptist Church, Russell, Arkansas. He is the son of John Wesley and Ruth Eudy Cole and has pastored churches for 41 years in Arkansas and Texas, including Rose Hill, Mineola and Jackson, Joaquin.

Bro. Rodger is well known in his community as he not only ministers to the people of Antioch, but to anyone who has a need. He has served the Mt. Olive District Association in the past as president and as clerk. He also has served on the Baptist Progress Board of Trustees and the BMA of Texas Administrative Committee.

During Bro. Rodger’s ministry at Antioch, God has blessed with a new sanctuary building which was dedicated in April, 2005. He has seen many people come to know the Lord and also seen many go home to be with the Lord. He is loved and respected and the church counts it a joy and privilege to have him as their pastor.

On Nov. 21, 2010 at 10:30 a.m., a special service is planned to commemorate Bro. Cole’s anniversary with the church. Kingdom Bound Quartet from Louisiana will begin the program with a concert. A time of honoring Bro. Cole will be followed by our annual Thanksgiving lunch. Everyone is invited to attend.

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