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LifeWay Family Bible Series for June 8

Indicators of a growing disciple of Christ

Luke 9:23-24; Ephesians 4:29-5:10

By Tim Owens

First Baptist Church, Bryan

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Salvation comes through personal

faith in Jesus

Galatians 2:4-5, 11-21

By Jim Perkins

Madison Hills Baptist Church, San Antonio

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HealthSouth executive, accused of fraud, heard sermons on ethics

By Greg Garrison

Religion News Service

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (RNS) -HealthSouth Corp. founder Richard Scrushy, accused by federal investigators of overseeing massive accounting fraud, sat through many Sunday sermons on corporate ethics and the hazards of wealth, his pastor says.

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Bernice Edwards dies in an Illinois prison

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (RNS)—The woman whose wild spending and close relationship with a Baptist minister landed them both in prison has died.

Bernice Vernell Edwards was 46. She was serving a nine-month prison sentence in Illinois and suffered from a “chronic pulmonary condition,” the St. Petersburg Times reported. An autopsy was scheduled to determine the exact cause of death.

Edwards was a close associate of Henry Lyons, former president of the National Baptist Convention USA. When Lyons' wife suspected the two of having an affair, she set fire to a waterfront mansion co-owned by Lyons and Edwards. Both denied a romantic affair.

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Book reimagines evangelism for a post-apologetic world

By **Greg Warner**

Associated Baptist Press

SPENCERVILLE, Md. (ABP)—What can the mating habits of tortoises teach humans about their spiritual connection to God?

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He Said/ She Said: The award

SHE SAID:

“Mrs. Wingfield, this is Denise May at Moss Haven.” That greeting on our home answering machine started my heart pumping. Mrs. May is our assistant principal in charge of discipline. “Oh, no, I thought, who's in trouble? What did one of my sons do?”

All that went through my mind in the split second before the message continued, “ ... there's nothing wrong.”

Mrs. May must be used to my previous reactions. She continued, “Garrett wanted to share some good news with you, so if you get this

message in the next half hour, please call me back.”

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Iraqi Christians fear for safety

By Mark Mueller

Religion News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq (RNS)—Two weeks ago, Raad Karim Essa arrived home from work to find his furniture on the street. His Muslim landlord wasn't renting to Christians anymore.

Father Adda, an Assyrian Orthodox Christian, prepares for Palm Sunday at his ancient monastery on Mount Maqloub, just outside the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, April 19. The monastery was built in 363 A.D., and its renovation was funded by ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Although Iraq under Saddam was primarily a Muslim state, the regime tolerated other religious groups. In post-war Iraq, Christians increasingly express fear that a Shiite Muslim majority will not grant freedom of worship for all.
(REUTERS/Nikola Solic Photo)

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Hispanic School OKs 2008 plans

SAN ANTONIO-Trustees of Hispanic Baptist Theological School approved final preparations to purchase an 82-acre tract across I-35 from the school's current facilities.

Meeting May 6, the board also elected a vice president for advancement, approved the first graduating class with bachelor of arts degrees, approved a strategic plan for 2003-2008 and granted the first sabbatical leave in the school's history.

The property purchase previously was affirmed by the Baptist General Convention of Texas Christian Education Coordinating Board.

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Members of
Southland
Baptist Church
in San Angelo
dedicate
lumber to be
used in the
Habitat
project, part of
the church's
25th
anniversary
celebration."To
have children
give \$2.50 for
a 2 x 4 stud,
and then to see
that stud
become a part
of someone's
house, that's
when missions
becomes real."

San Angelo church builds a mission project in parking lot

By George Henson

Staff Writer

SAN ANGELO-Southland Baptist Church in San Angelo may be setting

a record for the shortest distance ever traveled on a mission trip. This mission is taking shape on the church parking lot.

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Commission urges religious freedom in Iraq

WASHINGTON (RNS)-The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom has urged President Bush to maintain his commitment to religious freedom for all Iraqis.

“Now that Saddam Hussein has been ousted, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom believes strongly it is essential to ensure that the Iraqi people can exercise their religious freedom in full accordance with international human rights standards,” commission members wrote Bush in a letter dated April 28. “The United States can help this become a reality.”

The commission expressed its concern that U.S. leadership is needed to prevent ethnic and sectarian violence and other human rights violations against Iraq's diverse religious communities.

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LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for June 1

The gospel never should be compromised

Galatians 1:1-12

By Jim Perkins

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Charities find donors cool to Iraq aid

By Mark O'Keefe

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-Charities ramping up U.S. campaigns to benefit

war-torn Iraq are finding the early fund-raising climate much cooler than the 100-degree temperatures troops faced in the desert.