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1 John 2:3-11, 18-27

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By Gary Long

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1 John 2:28-3:10

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Texas for Dec. 28: We love
because first we were
loved_112403**

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1 John 3.11-18; 23-24; 4.7-21

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By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

ELDORADO-The Louisiana bus crash that killed five members of First Baptist Church in Eldorado and three of their friends last month has claimed another life.

BWA calls for reconciliation prayer_112403

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BWA calls for reconciliation prayer

WASHINGTON—After 30 years of sometimes-violent conflict, Baptists in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh have taken steps toward reconciliation, according to Denton Lotz, executive director of the Baptist World Alliance.

Lotz called on Baptists around the world to pray for leaders of the Samavesam Telegu of Telegu Baptist Churches: “We call upon Baptists worldwide to pray without ceasing for unity and reconciliation among the Samavesam of Telegu Baptists so that the millions who do not know Christ will hear the good news of salvation.”

The root of the conflict is over property, Lotz explained. American Baptist International Ministries made what he called a “very generous property gift” to the Telegu Baptist churches.

Pastor's wife featured in Standard recovering at home after surgery_112403

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recovering at home after surgery

By George Henson

Staff Writer

CORSICANA-A Texas pastor and his wife are grateful to Texas Baptists who helped them see God's hand at work.

ANOTHER VIEW: African-American lessons can instruct emerging Latinos_112403

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ANOTHER VIEW: African-American lessons can instruct emerging Latinos

By Samuel Atchison

In his book, "The Other Face of America," Jorge Ramos notes Hispanics comprise the largest minority in the country and are transforming the nation, both economically and culturally.

Yet, he argues, Latinos still face enormous barriers that range from xenophobia to racism. "The real challenge for the Hispanic community, then, is to transform its astonishing growth in numbers, its importance to the economy and its cultural influence into political power."

Down Home: Cranberry sauce or spicy salsa_112403

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DOWN HOME: Cranberry sauce or spicy salsa?

Here's a Thanksgiving quiz for you:

Question #1: Who celebrated the first Thanksgiving in North America?

Question #2: Where did they celebrate?

EDITORIAL: Priesthood of the believer defines Baptists' differences_112403

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EDITORIAL: Priesthood of the believer defines Baptists' differences

If you could study Baptists' DNA under a theological microscope, the defining chromosome—the strand that gives shape to all others—would be labeled “priesthood of the believer.”

Of course, numerous Baptist characteristics have received more attention, especially in recent decades. During the 1980s, at the height of the Southern Baptist Convention controversy, disagreement over Baptists' understanding of the nature of Scripture grabbed countless headlines. In the '90s, after one group gained control of the convention, Baptists focused on relationships, particularly between the fundamentalist-run SBC and the emerging moderate Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. In the last few years, Baptists have debated how to conduct foreign and domestic missions. Baptists also have argued long and hard about structure, particularly the links—financial and relational—between churches and conventions, as well as between state and national conventions. If you've paid close attention, you probably could suggest a dozen other defining characteristics.

But Baptists' perspectives on the priesthood of the believer—the doctrine

they have contributed to the larger church-pervade all these issues. In general, an interpretation of the priesthood of the believer determines how a person or group understands humanity's place in the world. And that determination divides Baptists.

**We are not
Lone Ranger
Christians,
riding off
alone with
God. We're
responsible to
God, but we're
accountable
to each other.**

Scarborough Hall begins new chapter at ETBU_112403

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Rita Storie
Turner, East
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the
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was present
at the
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1948. East
Texas
Baptist
University
has
renovated
the former
chapel as an
academic
center.

Scarborough Hall begins new chapter at ETBU

MARSHALL—An old building has a new look and a new name at East Texas Baptist University.

Scarborough Memorial Chapel opened in 1948 as both a chapel and home to the music department. It was named by its benefactor, Evelyn Scarborough Linebery, as a memorial to her parents, W.F. and Kara Scarborough, and her uncle and aunt, L.R. and Neppie Scarborough. L.R. Scarborough was president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Over the past two years, the structure has been gutted and refitted as an academic center at a cost of \$2 million. The exterior remains essentially the same in appearance.

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Christians are heaven's ambassadors on earth

 *Colossians 3:18-4:18*

By John Duncan

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LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Dec. 7

A fish tale: When the grace of God spat

 *Jonah 1:1-2:9*

By John Duncan