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Comedian David Letterman announced the birth of his first child last week, just a few days before our oldest daughter, Lindsay, turned 20.

Letterman is 56-nine years older than I. If you're a math whiz, you've already figured out I was 29 years younger than Letterman is now when Lindsay joined our family. Her sister, Molly, followed three years and three days later.

So, I'm celebrating Lindsay's 20th and Molly's 17th birthdays this week by counting my blessings.

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What do you have to do to call your church 'Baptist'?

A lawsuit in Georgia has raised a good question: Who owns the rights to a religious name?

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta has sued Mision Catolica: Capilla de la Fe (Catholic Mission: Chapel of Faith), charging the network of Spanish-speaking churches falsely represents itself as Catholic.

"You cannot simply set up whatever church and call yourself 'Roman Catholic.' That's fraud," archdiocese attorney David Brown declared.

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LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Nov. 16

Christ has given new meaning to 'triumph'

☒ *Colossians 2:6-23*

By John Duncan

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Acts 13:1-52

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By Leann Callaway

Special to the Standard

The popularity of the Christian band FFH has gone “out of this world.”

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By Chris Meehan

Religion News Service

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (RNS) -Burial rituals of the Tlingit Indians in Alaska contain all the sacred and ancient elements sorely lacking in many modern funerals, according to theologian Thomas Long.

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

ATLANTA (ABP)-Critics of government funding for faith-based initiatives have declared victory in a Georgia case involving a Methodist child-care facility.

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| Lanny Hall addresses the audience at his inauguration as president of Howard Payne University. |
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BROWNWOOD—Lanny Hall made history Oct. 17 when he was inaugurated as Howard Payne University's 18th president and became the first person to serve as president of three Texas Baptist universities.

Previously, Hall was president of Wayland Baptist University and president

and chancellor of Hardin-Simmons University.

“Howard Payne is a special place, and I am here for a purpose,” Hall told the 850 people attending the inauguration ceremony.

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JERUSALEM (RNS)-Using Carbon-14 dating techniques, Israeli and British scientists have determined that Siloam's Tunnel, a long, circuitous underground passage constructed below Jerusalem's ancient City of David probably was built about 700 B.C., when King Hezekiah ruled the land of Judea.



This photo shows the descent into the ancient Siloam's Tunnel and Gihon Spring. Scientists have determined the authenticity of the long underground tunnel, which is mentioned in the Bible. (Israel Nature and Parks Authority/RNS Photo)

The radiometric dating corroborates biblical texts such as 2 Kings 20:20 and 2 Chronicles 32:3-4 as well as an ancient inscription, discovered in 1880, on one of the tunnel's walls. Although this inscription appears to refer to Hezekiah, it does not do so by name.

This marks the first time a structure mentioned in the Bible has been dated radiometrically, according to researchers Amos Frumkin, Aryeh Shimron and Jeff Rosenbaum, who published their findings in the journal Nature.

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By Miranda Bradley

Texas Baptist Children's Home & Family Services

ROUND ROCK—Two months ago, 15-year-old Marquell blended right into his surroundings. Like most kids in his Meadow Ridge apartment neighborhood, he stayed out until the wee hours of the morning hanging out with friends, which usually led to trouble.

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By Michele Chabin

Religion News Service

JERUSALEM (RNS)-Times are hard in Jerusalem, with many stores, restaurants and hotels shut down due to the ongoing Palestinian uprising, but you wouldn't have known it from the rapturous smiles on the faces of the thousands of evangelical Christians who thronged to the holy city in October to support Israel.

Texas Baptist Forum_111003

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM

False charges

Keith Eitel's charge is absolutely false that the Parks administration at the Foreign Mission Board was not biblically based and continued the trend of liberalism.



This is a strange claim from a man who has never even discussed this with me. It also is strange that board trustees known to be very conservative who served during my years as a staff member and president include W.A. Criswell, Billy Graham, K. Owen White, W.O. Vaught, Homer Lindsay Sr., Mark Corts, Paige Patterson and Paul Pressler. None of them ever accused my predecessor, Baker James Cauthen, or me of liberalism.

Why is Eitel now making unfounded allegations?