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By Shelby Oppel

Religion News Service

PORTLAND, Ore. (RNS)—Stephen Baldwin stood under the east end of the Burnside Bridge, wearing an “Army of the Lord” T-shirt with camouflage pants and directing a Christian-themed DVD of skateboarders and BMX riders.

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Did bishop slander by citing 'spirit of Satan'?

By Kevin Eckstrom

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—An Iowa judge will decide if the phrase “spirit of Satan” is basis for a slander suit after the U.S. Supreme Court declined to intervene in a dispute at a rural Iowa church.

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Spiritual sleuth studies violent religions to fight crime

By Sharon Schlegel

Religion News Service

TRENTON, N.J. (RNS)—Police were puzzled by the crime. A corpse had been disinterred in the cemetery, mutilated and left near a mausoleum covered with graffiti.

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

KYLE-If it is true that leaders are born, not made, then the soil around Kyle is good for something other than cotton.

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Four of ten churches affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas have fewer than 100 resident members, according to convention statistics.

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By David Winfrey

Kentucky Western Recorder

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (ABP)—Citing a need for classroom space, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary officials have announced plans to close the school's Child Development Center.

Texas Tidbits_111003

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Texas Tidbits

☒ **Baylor names master teachers.** Two Baylor University professors—one living and one dead—have been named master teachers by President Robert Sloan. The master teacher designation is the highest honor granted to Baylor faculty members. Sloan bestowed the title on Ray Wilson II, professor of biology, and the late Helen Ligon, emeritus professor of information systems. These are the first master teacher designations granted during Sloan's nine-year presidency.

☒ **DBU invites prospective students.** Dallas Baptist University will host a Patriot Weekend preview for prospective students Nov. 14-15. High school juniors and seniors will experience campus life through informative seminars, interaction with students and faculty, sessions on financial aid and an inspirational concert by DBU's student ministry team, Glowing Heart. Cost for the weekend is \$25 and includes lodging, meals and a commemorative T-shirt. Call (214) 333-5360 or e-mail admiss@dbu.edu.

☒ **ETBU board elects officers.** D.M Edwards of Tyler has been elected chairman of the trustee board at East Texas Baptist University. He is a businessman and member of First Baptist Church of Tyler, where he is a deacon. He will serve with Vice Chairman Clint Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant, and Secretary George Fitts, chief

financial officer for Carlile Companies and a deacon at Central Baptist Church in Marshall. Also elected to the board's executive committee are Tom Lyles, a certified public accountant from Lindale; Jo Marie Jones, retired teacher and a homemaker from Jasper; Ken Branam, pastor of Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving; and Harlan Hall, minister of music at Central Baptist Church of Carthage.

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Clearly the theme of the kingdom of God was central to Jesus' gospel message: "Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news'" (Mark 1:14-15).

Perhaps you have heard your pastor say, "We must be about kingdom business," as you were urged on to a vision that was not centered on just what was good for your local church.

Can we be concrete about what the kingdom of God is? Note what any kingdom anywhere is. A kingdom is a territory that is under the rule of a

king. The kingdom operates where the king's rule is respected, his name is honored, his laws obeyed and his taxes paid. The lines on a map may say that an area of land is in the kingdom, but if in that province no one takes the word of the king seriously, then it is part of the kingdom in name, but not in reality.


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FORT WORTH (BP)—One word can make all the difference between voicing an incorrect view of God and confessing the God of the Bible, said Malcolm Yarnell, assistant dean of theological studies at Southwestern Baptist

Theological Seminary.

That is precisely why changes to the Baptist Faith & Message, the Southern Baptist Convention's statement of beliefs, were necessary, Yarnell said in chapel Oct. 30.

“For a time in the late 1980s and early 1990s, I wondered whether a number of evangelicals were actually trinitarian,” he said. “The Trinity was notably absent from many evangelical pulpits for much of the 20th century ... even among Baptists. The 1963 Baptist Faith & Message could easily have been affirmed by modalists.”

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By Kristen Campbell

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-The Supreme Court's decision to consider whether the 1954 addition of the words “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance is

constitutional has religious leaders weighing the possible impact of a court ruling on religious liberty.

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By Robert Dilday

Virginia Religious Herald

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP)—Virginia Baptists will be asked to withhold about \$350,000 they planned to contribute to Averett University next year until a dispute over homosexuality and biblical interpretation can be resolved.

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By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW—It's 3 p.m. on Thursday, and Paul Finley is giving the springs in an outdated office chair a workout with his nervous energy.