

# **COMMENTARY: A Plea for Texas Baptist leaders: No more fighting!\_miley\_72803**

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**By Jeanie Miley**

Gathered around a conference table at a large church in Seoul, Korea, this spring, I was prepared to respond to questions about contemplative prayer, the topic on which I had been invited to lecture for two days.

Quickly, however, one of the pastors asked me to explain the "war" among Baptists, a war I don't want to think about any longer. It's a war that brings up, still, huge pain for me, and I was embarrassed, half a world away, that the war was a subject of interest to them. Is our war, I wondered to myself, what defines us?

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# CYBERCOLUMN: Lead the Way□\_vancleve\_72803

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## CYBERCOLUMN: Lead the Way...

**By Donna Van Cleve**

Some years ago, a friend approached me about working at the bank here in town when a position became available. It seemed to be a family tradition: My mother, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, and eventually my sister all worked there at one time or another. My children were in school, and I thought long and hard about committing myself to a long-term job. I decided that yes, I was ready.

I called the bank, and an interview was set up for me. This must be some formality they have to go through before I start to work, I thought.

Donna Van Cleve
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# **Solving the Great Kingdom Caper\_72803**

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At First Baptist  
Church of  
Athens, Mikyla  
Walker carefully  
stirs paint for a  
Vacation Bible  
School project as  
she and her  
classmates seek  
to solve "The  
Great Kingdom  
Caper," the  
theme for this  
year's VBS at  
First Baptist and  
many other  
Texas Baptist  
churches.  
(Ferrell  
Foster/BGCT  
Photo)

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention ( SBC ) and around the world.

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# **CBF: Understanding urged in facing fundamentalism\_72803**

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## **CBF: Understanding urged in facing fundamentalism**

**By John Pierce**

*Baptists Today*

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The rift between fundamentalist and moderate Baptists has been so painful that another generation likely will have to do most of the fence mending, predicted Philip Wise, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Lubbock.

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## **CBF: Leonard discusses ways to converse in pluralistic society**

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## **CBF: Leonard discusses ways to converse in pluralistic society**

**By Marv Knox**

*Editor*

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Many Baptists bog down in theological “quicksand” as they try to relate to people of other religions, church historian Bill Leonard reported.

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## **Baptist aid blows into town with hurricane\_72803**

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Gov. Rick Perry  
speaks with  
Texas Baptist  
Men volunteers  
Ben Freeman and  
Jim Southerland  
after a news  
conference in  
Port Lavaca, in  
which the  
governor praised  
the Baptist men's  
group for its  
ability. (Jenny  
Hartgraves/BGCT  
Photo)

# Baptist aid blows into town with hurricane

**By Jenny Hartgraves**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

The papers reported Claudette wasn't that bad of a hurricane, but thousands of people fed by Texas Baptist Men might tell a different story.

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# Whirlwind of activity greets new camp director\_72803

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The duplex  
where Texas  
Baptist  
Encampment  
interim  
director Rob  
Kessler lives  
with his  
family and  
staff  
member  
Jeannie  
Stahlecker  
and her 10-  
year-old son  
was  
destroyed.

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PALACIOS-Rob Kessler's first days as interim director of the Texas Baptist Encampment Palacios by the Sea came with a whirlwind of responsibility and weather.

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# **Storm teaches intern to 'be ready for anything'\_72803**

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## **Storm teaches intern to 'be ready for anything'**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

VICTORIA-An intern at Templo Jerusalem Baptist Church learned to "always be ready for anything" this summer.

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# **BIBLE STUDY BREW: Coffee's influence at church\_72803**

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## **BIBLE STUDY BREW: Coffee's influence at church**

**By John Spalding**

*Beliefnet*

WASHINGTON (RNS)-When Maryetta Anschutz arrived at Christ and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Westport, Conn., three years ago, she noticed a disturbing trend at coffee hour.

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## **Court rules for Bible club\_72803**

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# Court rules for Bible club

WASHINGTON (RNS)—A Pennsylvania high school wrongly barred a student Bible club from meeting during an activity period before the start of classes, an appellate court ruled July 15.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals made the decision after Melissa Donovan, a senior at Punxsutawney Area High School, claimed the school district would not permit FISH, her Bible study group, to meet after school started at 8 a.m., the Associated Press reported.

School officials were wrong to prevent the club from meeting during an in-school “activity period,” during which other student groups were permitted to gather, the three-judge panel ruled.

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## D.C. vouchers get postponed\_72803

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## D.C. vouchers get postponed

**By Robert Marus**

*ABP Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Congress' latest attempt to use the District of

Columbia as a laboratory for school-voucher programs hangs in the balance after a Senate panel unexpectedly postponed a vote on the proposal.

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WACO-Evangelism begins with God but relies on believers to do the legwork, according to a featured speaker at the Texas Baptist Conference for the Deaf.