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John 1:1-18

By David Jenkins

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TAMPA, Fla. (RNS)—Florida Gov. Jeb Bush has announced the creation of what he calls the nation's first entirely faith-based prison at a facility in his state.

Bush made the announcement in Tampa at one of a series of conferences sponsored by his brother's White House Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives.

He applauded the work done by the office instituted by President George W. Bush, as well as the efforts by Attorney General John Ashcroft to recognize faith-based organizations.

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By Michelle Gabriel

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Religious beliefs and personal experience are the two biggest factors shaping Americans' attitudes toward homosexuality and the volatile issue of gay marriage, according to a new poll.

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

AUSTIN-The Christmas season marks a new, more personal relationship between God and humanity. Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin hopes to engender some new and personal relationships this holiday season as well.

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RICHMOND, Va.-The International Mission Board has a simple goal: One missionary assigned to every unreached people group in the world.

Sounds simple, but the numbers tell a different story.

Researchers have identified nearly 6,500 unreached people groups, with a combined population of about 3.4 billion people.

Why do we know not Joseph?_122203

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Why do we know not Joseph?

By Kevin Eckstrom

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Poor Joseph.

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By Leann Callaway

Special to the Standard

LUBBOCK-At the end of his junior year at the University of Tulsa, Steve Winger was eager to head home for the summer. But as he walked outside and began to load up his car, he found something out of the ordinary.

Texas Baptist Forum_122203

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM: Claim the name

Every day, the name of Jesus becomes a "rock of offense" to more and more Americans.

In an effort to offend no one, timid church members-especially politicians-are using a new term to escape the scorn of the "politically correct." Instead of "I'm a Christian," it's now, "I'm a person of faith." This brings no criticism from those who don't like the name of Jesus.



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Saying, "I am a person of faith" is just a bit vague.

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PINEVILLE, La. (ABP)—In a move that already has generated considerable outcry, Louisiana College trustees will now require college administrators to approve textbooks for classes at the Baptist school.

Previously the selection of textbooks and other classroom materials was at the sole discretion of faculty members. Trustees said the change will bring accountability to the process.

Under the new policy, approved by trustees after a lengthy executive session, all materials used at the school must be approved by department chairs and the vice president for academic affairs.

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Norm Miller is chairman of the board of Interstate Batteries System of America and is widely known for his appearances at NASCAR racing events with driver Bobby LaBonte and the race car sponsored by Interstate. More than that, however, he is an outspoken Christian. A one-time alcoholic, he testifies to God's power to change people's lives. Miller is a member of the Dallas Theological Seminary board, the Dallas Seminary Foundation and the Overseas Council. He is co-founder of the Great American Race, a premier vintage car event. He and his wife, Anne, have two children, Tracey and Scott, and five grandchildren. They attend Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

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What are your responsibilities as chairman of the board of Interstate Batteries?

Primarily what I am doing is looking ahead, seeing where Interstate can

grow and where we can do better and kind of being an out-front-looking person. Of course, we have our board meetings every few months where I preside and look at our plans and how we are stacking up.


Norm Miller

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