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LifeWay Family Bible Series for Oct. 12

The Holy Spirit: Invisible source of eternal life

John 3:1-8; Romans 8:1-11

By David Jenkins

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LifeWay Family Bible Series for Oct. 19

Strength to fend off temptation is available

♦ *Romans 8:12-16, 26-30, 35-39*

By David Jenkins

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SBC warns of funding crisis coming

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) -The Southern Baptist Convention and its entities will face a financial crisis in the near future unless giving to the denomination increases, according to a report adopted unanimously by the SBC Executive Committee Sept. 23.

Echoing a recent report in the Baptist Standard, the SBC Funding Study Committee noted that percentage giving by church members has decreased gradually over the past 30 years. Additionally, churches are forwarding a smaller percentage of their offerings to the Cooperative Program than they did two decades ago.

Those two factors, combined with a sluggish economy, already have impacted the number of missionaries on the field and the tuition rates at SBC-funded seminaries. But the report says that, barring an increase in giving, the situation will continue deteriorating.

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VISUAL BIBLE: The Gospel of John movie

By Ted Parks

Associated Baptist Press

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (ABP) -Jesus in the movies is nothing new. But allowing an entire New Testament Gospel to speak word-for-word in the glossy idiom of the big-screen is unique, say the producers of "The Gospel of John."

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When families close the lid on faith at funerals, what's a preacher to do?

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS-In a society where half the people claim no religious affiliation, a growing number don't want a minister conducting their funeral. In fact, many are forgoing any memorial service.

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Grief: 'Like peeling onion'

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS-Grief is like peeling an onion, according to author Doug Manning: "It comes off one layer at a time, and you cry a lot."

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What makes a funeral meaningful?

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—A meaningful funeral helps bereaved family and friends begin healing, according to Doug Manning, former Baptist pastor and author of several widely distributed books about grief.

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High school student puts on shield of faith

By George Henson

Staff Writer

PORT NECHES—Aron Arceneaux is giving a whole new meaning to the phrase “shield of faith.”

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Jakes' novel targets spiritual secrets

By Greg Garrison

Birmingham Post Herald

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (RNS) -Although he's an old-fashioned, pulpit-pounding preacher who frequently has to wipe the sweat from his brow, evangelist T.D. Jakes brings the biblical message into a modern context.

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KEY CHURCHES: Missions growth unlocked

By Toby Druin

Editor Emeritus

Since 1980, churches affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of

Texas have averaged more than 200 church starts a year-a total of 4,624 congregations in a convention that today has only slightly more than 4,300 churches (not counting the 1,400 missions).

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Key Churches in Texas