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ETBU student's ministry highlights heroes

By Ken Camp

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MARSHALL-Every child needs a hero, Michael Barron figured. And given good role models, every child has the potential to become a hero to someone else, he reasoned.

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LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Sept. 14

Paul reminds readers of heavenly

citizenship

Philippians 1:18-30

By John Duncan

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LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Sept. 21

Humility is a key ingredient in good relationships

Philippians 2:1-11

By John Duncan

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LifeWay Family Bible Series for Sept. 14

Worship is meant to glorify God, not self

Matthew 6:1-18

By David Jenkins

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LifeWay Family Bible Series for Sept. 21

Christians should align priorities carefully

Matthew 6:19-34

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Volunteers count the \$11,000 offering given for missions.	A student pauses for a time of reflection outside the UTA BSM before ministering to international students.
	
A group of students examine missions material they picked up from exhibitors. (Becky Holt/BGCT Photos)	Kent Barlow, director of Baptist Student Ministries at the University of Texas at Dallas, prays during a worship session

Students 'Focus' on faith



A Stephen
F. Austin
University
student
converses
with
another
Focus
participant
between
sessions.

FORT WORTH-About 3,500 college students spent their Labor Day weekend at Focus, a Baptist General Convention of Texas event offering spiritual preparation at the start of the school year.

Gregg Matte, founder of Breakaway Ministries, and Voddie Baucham, a well-known youth speaker, encouraged the students to concentrate on developing themselves spiritually while reaching out to non-believers on their campuses. "Focus" isn't just the name of an event; it's what every Christian needs to do, Matte said.

A focus on faith development, as well as educational development, will lead to greater vision for God's work and more relationships that further the kingdom of God, he explained. Matte urged the students to move beyond a "pep rally for God" and using worship as a drug.

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Above Jack
Tennison
(center) of First
Baptist Church
in Seguin,
demonstrates
the proper way
to use a power
planer to Harry
Stallings and
Loyd Ervin.

Above left: John
Rushing of New
Braunfels
applies glue to
a board, while
Melvin Warren
of Waco works
on a large
board that will
become the
side of a chest.

Left: Lora
Morris of
Clarksville,
Ark., works
alongside Texas
volunteers to
make dresses
for orphan
children in
Juarez, Mexico.
(Kent Harville
Photos)

Furniture builders make a case for volunteerism

By Sara Horn

LifeWay Christian Resources

GLORIETA, N.M.-Next time you visit LifeWay Conference Center at Glorieta, look carefully at any new furniture in the rooms. There's a good chance it was built by Texas Baptist Men.

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In this still from the upcoming movie "The Passion," Jesus (James Caviezel) is met by his mother, Mary (Maria Morgenstern), on the way to his crucifixion. Director Mel Gibson has come under fire from Jewish leaders, who believe the film portrays Jews negatively. (Icon Productions/RNS Photo)

Gibson 'softens' Passion story but Jewish leaders skeptical of movie

By Kevin Eckstrom

Religion News Service

LOS ANGELES (RNS)—Director Mel Gibson, under heavy fire from Jewish groups for his \$25 million movie on the death of Jesus, has “softened the

story” and made changes to make “The Passion” more palatable to critics, according to a spokesman.

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Glowing Hearts in Canada.

Members of Dallas Baptist University's Glowing Heart ministry team perform outside a coffee shop in Canada. The students spent seven days working in Canada in conjunction with the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary. They led worship and worked with the youth group at Bow Valley Baptist Church in Cochrane. They helped with an outreach effort in Airdrie, Alberta, a town of about 15,000 people outside Calgary. Working with church starter Dwight Huffman, they sought people interested in beginning a Bible study. Teams of five dispersed throughout the town, playing small music venues at coffee shops, talking to people at malls and hosting a free car wash.

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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Texas Heritage Awards honor Bishop, Colton, Craft and Leavell

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Four longtime denominational leaders were honored at the third annual Texas Baptist Heritage Awards banquet, held Aug. 21 at Union Station in Dallas.

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Poll: Americans more concerned about Islam today

WASHINGTON (ABP)-A new poll shows Americans are increasingly worried about Islam.

The poll by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life and the Pew Research Center shows Americans generally are comfortable with religion playing a role in civic life.

But white evangelical Christians differ sharply from African-Americans on religious views and political commitment, the poll also revealed.

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Conference advances Jewish evangelism

HELSINKI, Finland (BP)-Participants in an international conference on Jewish evangelism adopted a statement underscoring Jesus' divinity and, among other items, applauding improved relations between Arab and Jewish believers.

The seventh Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism international

conference, held Aug. 7-12 in Helsinki, Finland, drew a record 200 participants from 18 countries. Participants presented reports and heard updates on Jewish evangelism from around the world.

The Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism was born in 1980 at a meeting in Thailand sponsored by the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelism. Participants with an interest in Jewish evangelism began meeting every three or four years. The committee also has local chapters, including one in North America.