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Bible-based discipleship fuels Lake Pointe growth

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

ROCKWALL-Adult Bible Fellowship members at Lake Pointe Church are expected to reach three people for Christ a year and participate in ministry locally, nationally and internationally. With almost 3,500 participants, that's a lot of outreach.

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Houston girl's donation helps other by a hair

By Reagan O'Hare

Union Baptist Association

HOUSTON-Eleven-year-old Kristen Johnson did not think twice when it came to a chance to serve another child.

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Offering puts agent of blessing in hospital

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

BEAUMONT-A hopeful “agent of blessing” walks in the shadow of death, and he comes back for more each day.

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Mississippi court rules fetus is a person to be protected

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

JACKSON, Miss. (ABP)—Mississippi's highest court has ruled that a fetus is a “person” worthy of some legal protections under state law.

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Christian contemporary music: business or ministry?

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Christian music is big business. The sales numbers show that. But Christian music insiders argue it's a ministry as well.

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Ministers suspected among best-known music pirates

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Freely downloading songs or copying albums without artists' permission is like stealing a Bible, according to Christian music insiders: Good motives don't excuse illegal acts.

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New NAE president Ted Haggard hopes to enhance evangelicals' image

By Steve Rabey

Religion News Service

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (RNS)-Ted Haggard, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, says most evangelical Christians are humble, kind and godly folks, but that's not how they're always perceived.

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NAMB cuts \$11 million from 2004

budget as income wanes

ALPHARETTA, GA (ABP)-The North American Mission Board plans to cut \$11 million from its budget next year, which will eliminate 31 full- and part-time positions-some of which are vacant-and leave seven current employees without jobs.

The proposed \$118 million budget-6 percent less than this year-awaits approval by trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention agency during their meeting Oct. 8.

The 2004 budget cuts \$3 million from travel expenses, \$1.6 million in communication projects, more than \$4 million from support of various programs and \$1.7 million from personnel expenses.

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North Carolina convention cuts 24 positions, 20 percent of staff

By Tony Cartledge

North Carolina Biblical Recorder

CARY, N.C. (ABP)-The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina cut 24

staff positions Aug. 26 in the wake of shrinking contributions from churches.

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Russian court convicts Baptist worker of smuggling

By Frank Brown

Religion News Service

MOSCOW—In a case being watched closely by evangelical Protestants worldwide, a judge convicted an American Baptist youth pastor of currency smuggling Aug. 22, in the process confiscating \$48,000 in charitable donations collected from believers in the United States.