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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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# locksoflove\_90803

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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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## **mhd\_hospital\_90803**

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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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## **mission\_directors\_90803**

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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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## **music\_business\_90803**

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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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## music\_ministers\_90803

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### Ministers suspected among best-known music pirates

**By John Hall**

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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\_budgetcuts\_90803**

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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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## **northcarolina\_90803**

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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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## **okhotin\_convicted\_90803**

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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.