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Garland book contains stories of family faith

Barbara Massey

EthicsDaily.com

WACO-In today's world, where families face many uncertainties, what resource is better for understanding and dealing with challenges than the stories of other families who have had similar experiences?

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Churches struggle to keep newlyweds in church after wedding

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

With the changing of the seasons, spring love turns to deep relationships as couples flock to churches to be married.

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BEFORE 'I DO':

Does premarital counseling make a difference?

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Marriage education and premarital counseling are the latest trends to emerge from the marriage movement—a push for stronger traditional families.

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Meteor proposed as Constantine's vision

LONDON (RNS)-Could the impact of a meteorite hitting the Italian Apennines have been the sign in the sky-believed to be in the shape of a cross-that encouraged the Emperor Constantine to invoke the Christian God in his decisive battle in 312 when he defeated his fellow Emperor Maxentius at the Milvian Bridge?

The victory paved the way for the recognition of Christianity by the Roman Empire and the union of church and state that lasted nearly 1,500 years.

The possibility is raised by a report in the current issue of New Scientist of the discovery of a meteorite impact crater dating from the fourth or fifth century A.D. in the Apennines.

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Mexican Baptists and Texas Baptists launch three-year partnership plan

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

The National Baptist Convention of Mexico unanimously approved a three-year partnership with the Baptist General Convention of Texas at its July 23 annual meeting in Mexico City.

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In San Carlos, teen volunteer Britney Smith holds a new glass pane in place while 5-year-old Azusena Cruz, a resident of the house, gazes outside. Through gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas missions, Baptist workers have helped the Cruz family secure their home and their eternal destiny.	
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Mary Hill Davis gifts warm hearts & homes

By Craig Bird

Texas Baptist Communications

MISSION-When the first hard freeze bullies its way into the Lower Rio Grande Valley this winter, folks at Kenefick Southern Baptist Church will be thinking about more than potential increases in citrus prices.

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Leo
Samaniego
(left), River
Ministry
coordinator
for El Paso
Baptist
Association,
discusses
church
starting
with Juan
Perez,
pastor of
Montaña
Vista
Community
Church.

Montaña Vista stands as mountain of witness in El Paso

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

EL PASO-Texas can't claim many scenic mountains, but this Montaña Vista on the edge of town is a beautiful sight to Baptist association leaders.

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Alfonzo López, pastor of Iglesia Bautista Peregrino, talks with Juan Rodriguez about his past alcoholism and later conversion to the faith.
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Church's mission wrapped up in its name: Perigrino

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

EL PASO-Most church names are symbolic reminders of the faith or historical markers. For Iglesia Bautista Peregrino, the name points to a ministry.

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Volunteers: The future of border missions

By Craig Bird

Texas Baptist Communications

MISSION-Volunteers “are pretty much the future” of Texas Baptist efforts to share the gospel in the Borderlands, insists Loren Fast.

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Nominees sought for Texas Baptist ministry awards

LUBBOCK-The Baptist Standard and Baylor University will honor three of the state's most outstanding vocational and lay ministers during the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual session this fall.

Nominations are being accepted for the Texas Baptist Ministry Awards, to be presented at the Truett Theological Seminary dinner at the BGCT meeting in Lubbock.

The awards program encompass three recognitions, each named for a prominent Texas Baptist.

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Church's vision for a clinic grows with aid from other churches

By Heather Price

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DALLAS-Many poor families enter the Mission East Dallas County Health Services Clinic, each with their own story of heartache. They leave with

free medicine, stuffed bears, children's books and the gospel of Jesus.

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Missions network edges forward

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—Texas Baptists' currently unnamed missions network moved a step closer to being named at its Aug. 7 meeting, and it took strides toward becoming a formally constituted non-profit corporation.