

# **sbc\_mohler\_62303**

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## **Mohler: Scripture mandates evangelism 'to the Jew first'**

PHOENIX-Jewish evangelism, homosexuality and the authority of Scripture are three “trip wires” confronting the evangelical Christian church, Al Mohler told a gathering of Messianic Jews June 16.

Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and a frequent apologist for the Southern Baptist Convention on national TV, spoke to the Southern Baptist Messianic Fellowship. The fellowship held its gathering prior to the SBC annual meeting in Phoenix.

Jewish evangelism relates to homosexuality, Mohler declared, because both issues are based on the authority of the Bible.

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# **sbc\_pastorsconf\_62303**

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# Family first priority at SBC Pastors' Conference

**By Stella Prather, Jennifer Rash & Stacy Hamby**

PHOENIX—"Kingdom families" captured the spotlight of the 2003 Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, even as participants heard a new version of the Monday Night Football song from evangelist Hank Williams.

Headlining the two-day meeting was the first-ever Southern Baptist Convention Kingdom Family Rally held during the closing session June 16. The Pastors' Conference met June 15-16 in Phoenix, immediately prior to the SBC annual meeting.

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professor at  
Criswell  
College,  
Dallas,  
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SBC annual  
meeting,  
June 17-18.  
Caner will  
begin  
teaching at  
Lynchburg's  
Liberty  
University  
in the fall.

Leading up to the Monday evening rally, Pastors' Conference speakers focused their sermons around the family theme. Music was provided by the Annie Moses Band, Wintley Phipps and the Rick Webb Trio. Choirs from First Baptist Church of Dallas also performed.

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## **sbc\_vines\_62303**

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### **Vines tells Pastors' Conference 'All religions not the same'**

Jerry Vines,  
pastor of  
First Baptist  
Church,  
Jacksonville,  
Fla., speaks  
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meeting,  
June 17-18.

PHOENIX-Just in case America didn't hear him the first time, Jerry Vines made a point of speaking clearly at this year's Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference: "All religions are not the same. All religions are not equally true."

Vines, pastor of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla., and a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, drew the ire of Muslims and others when at last year's Pastors' Conference he called the founder of Islam a "demon-possessed pedophile" as he marched toward declaring that

Christianity is superior to Islam.

That led to a later segment aired on the “NBC Nightly News” in which anchor Tom Brokaw described Vines as “preaching hate.”

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## **sbc\_rally\_62303**

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### **Kingdom Family Rally promotes 'Seven Pillars' to strengthen families**

**By Tony Cartledge**

North Carolina Biblical Recorder

PHOENIX-After three years of planning, the Southern Baptist Convention unveiled seven “pillars” leaders believe will strengthen American families.

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## **sbc\_wmu\_62303**

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# WMU focuses on God's call, inspirational testimonies

**By Charlie Warren, John Loudat & Bill Webb**

*Arkansas Baptist, Baptist New Mexican and Word & Way*

PHOENIX—"Survivor" could have been the theme of this year's annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, but viewers of the popular TV show would have found a message of faith rather than fear on this stage.

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## history\_hymns\_62303

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## Coleman, Penn played key role in church music, history society told

**By Ken Camp**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

BELTON-Texas Baptists probably wouldn't be singing the last verse of "Amazing Grace" or singing to the accompaniment of an organ at all if not for Robert H. Coleman and William E. Penn.

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# nc\_giving\_62303

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## NC giving plan OK, study committee reports

**By Tony Cartledge**

*North Carolina Biblical Recorder*

CARY, N.C. (ABP)—The giving plan that allows North Carolina Baptists to send mission funds to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship instead of the Southern Baptist Convention does not violate the state convention's constitution, according to a study committee.

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# presbyterians\_62303

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# Presbyterians avoid fight over homosexuality

**By Kevin Eckstrom**

*Religion News Service*

DENVER (RNS)-The Presbyterian Church (USA) stepped back from another divisive fight over homosexuality May 30, rejecting a third church-wide vote on whether to allow non-celibate gays and lesbians to serve as pastors and elders.

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## sars\_62303

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## SARS outbreak knocks out summer missions plans

**By Kambry Bickings**

*Staff Writer*

The SARS outbreak in Southeast Asia knocked out plans for mission work by several Texas mission groups this summer.

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# **water\_project\_62303**

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## **Cooperation brings water flowing to Macedonian village**

DALLAS-A small village in northeastern Macedonia has water flowing again thanks to a collaborative effort between the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Partnership for the Environment.

Earlier this year, CBF missions workers Darrell and Kathy Smith worked with Terri Morgan of the Texas-based Partnership for the Environment to complete a project that restored the supply of fresh water to the village of Turija, 20 miles west of the Bulgarian border. More than 30 years ago, artesian springs supplied fresh water to the community, but when the lines deteriorated and the distribution equipment failed, the village was left without drinking water.

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village  
whose  
springs had  
dried up.

“The need for potable water in communities across Eastern Europe is severe,” said Morgan, president of the environmental ministry and a former staff member with the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission. Morgan left the CLC to form the independent environmental ministry.

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## letters\_60903

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### **TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM: God's chosen people**

I have read with interest your editorial regarding the Middle East peace process and your remarks about Christians getting in the way of the peace process (June 2).

As a completed Jew, I take great exception as to your characterization that perhaps the Jews are not God's chosen people. As one who believes the

Bible is inerrant, the fact that God's word states the Jews are his chosen people is enough to satisfy me.

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The bloodshed is not caused by the Jews, rather the Arabs. Their whole bent has and always will be to see to the final and ultimate destruction of Israel and the Jews. We have heard this from many Arab leaders, including Yasser Arafat. You are naive if you believe that any so-called peace will eliminate or even reduce the bloodshed we are seeing. Incidentally, can you name a single instance whereby we have seen “terrorist” attacks on the Arabs by the Jews?