

# **LifeWay Family Bible Series for April 11: God's grace gives testimony to his great love\_40504**

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## **God's grace gives testimony to his great love**

Matthew 28:1-10; Ephesians 2:4-9

**By Rodney McGlothlin**

*First Baptist Church, College Station*

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## **LifeWay Family Bible Series for April 18: Jesus Christ is the**

# **church's one foundation\_40504**

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**LifeWay Family Bible Series for April 18**

## **Jesus Christ is the church's one foundation**

Matthew 16:13-19; Ephesians 2:17-22

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## **Two-thirds of Americans dissatisfied with moral climate, Gallup Poll says\_40504**

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# Two-thirds of Americans dissatisfied with moral climate, Gallup Poll says

WASHINGTON (RNS)- An annual Gallup Poll found nearly two-thirds of Americans are dissatisfied with the country's moral and ethical climate.

But younger people seem to be less pessimistic than their elders, the poll revealed.

Gallup's annual Mood of the Nation poll found that 64 percent of Americans are dissatisfied with the country's moral climate, while 35 percent say they are satisfied.

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# Church struggles to learn legal lessons from bus accident\_40504

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**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

ELDORADO-About five months after a bus crash claimed the lives of nine senior adults on a church-sponsored trip, members of First Baptist Church in Eldorado planned their first major out-of-town trip since the accident.

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## **Agency suggests questions to ask when selecting a charter company\_40504**

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If churches choose to charter a bus for long trips, they need to carefully examine the companies they hire, a representative of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration suggested.

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Before hiring any carrier, request the bus company's United States Department of Transportation number, said Donna Channel with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's consumer and public affairs office.

With that information, a church can log onto [www.saftersys.org](http://www.saftersys.org) for information, such as the company's safety rating and crash history and

whether the company is an authorized for-hire carrier.

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**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

DALLAS—When churches decide whether to publish the names and photos of children, a growing number cite protection as their guiding principle—protecting the church from legal action and children from predators.

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# **Establishing a driver policy can help keep church out of court, lawyers say\_40504**

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## **Establishing a driver policy can help keep church out of court, lawyers say**

Every church should adopt a policy for drivers of vehicles operated for church business or activities, whether the vehicles are owned by the church or by individuals, a Texas Baptist guidebook recommends.

“Keeping Your Church Out of Court,” a notebook of materials produced by the Baptist General Convention of Texas Christian Life Commission and the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, provides a driver policy checklist.

The resource, prepared by the Fort Worth law firm of Bourland, Smith, Wall & Wenzel, suggests a church's driver policy should:

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## **15-passenger vans pose rollover**

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## **15-passenger vans pose rollover crash risk, extra safety measures needed, agencies say**

**By Ken Camp**

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DALLAS—Federal agencies have issued safety warnings about them and major insurance companies have stopped writing policies on them, but some churches continue to struggle with the question of what to do with 15-passenger vans.

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## **Texas Baptist Forum\_40504**

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# **TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM:**

## **Anti-voucher predators**

Your editorial regarding education (March 22) was not accurate, as the facts do not support what you wrote.

The public schools in Washington, D.C., spend more per student than any public school system in the U.S.A., and their performance is near the lowest. Vouchers have worked well in Cleveland.

That is why the black mayor of Washington and the black parents there have essentially forced Congress to try vouchers in D.C.

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## **Logsdon, Wayland partner to bring master of divinity program to South Plains residents\_40504**

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# **Logsdon, Wayland partner to bring master of divinity program to South Plains residents**

**By Teresa Young**

*Wayland Baptist University*

LUBBOCK-Wayland Baptist University and Logsdon School of Theology at Hardin-Simmons University have partnered to bring a graduate-level divinity program to the South Plains.

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**Building campaign helped unify, strengthen congregation, Mineral Wells pastor testifies\_40504**

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# **Building campaign helped unify, strengthen congregation, Mineral Wells pastor testifies**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

MINERAL WELLS—Members of Fairview Baptist Church identified a problem they are glad to have: Their sanctuary is too small for them to carry out their mission.

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# **How high is the cost of discipleship for missionaries today?\_40504**

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# **How high is the cost of discipleship for missionaries today?**

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

When missionaries answer what they believe is Christ's call, a growing number also may hear echoes of the martyred German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer who wrote 60 years ago: "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die."