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By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW-Bernard Kabaru has a vision for reaching Kenya with the gospel. And he believes Christian leaders in that country could do it, if they just had the training.

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Former university professor Jeff Berry and his band perform and lead worship at Christian events around the country for high school and college students.

Student worship leader followed circuitous route to ministry

By Leann Callaway

Special to the Baptist Standard

ABILENE-Earning an MBA and teaching international economics at a university might not be the typical career path for a worship leader, but Jeff Berry believes God used every step and misstep of his journey to prepare

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Modern CD reclaims ancient hymn

ATLANTA (RNS)-The latest CD from the popular "Passion" Christian student movement differs from most contemporary religious music. All the songs on it were composed more than 100 years ago, and the lyrics to at least one are 1,800 years old.

"Passion: Ancient and Modern Hymns-Live Songs of Our Faith," was recorded at Northpoint Community Church in Atlanta when 1,300 campus pastors and community leaders gathered.

This collection was inspired by "Phos Hilaron," perhaps the oldest surviving Christian hymn. Literally translated "hail gladdening light," the hymn already was considered ancient by the fourth century.

Help youth succeed by focusing on strengths, speaker urges_40504

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Help youth succeed by focusing on strengths, speaker urges

By Marv Knox

Editor

DALLAS-Churches can help children and youth succeed by focusing more on relationships than programs and on strengths rather than problems, family ministry leader Eugene Roehlkepartain insisted.

Cybercolumn for 3/22 by Brett Younger: On trading places with Vanna White_40504

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CYBERCOLUMN: On trading places with Vanna White

By Brett Younger

Sometimes the pastoral calling requires serious soul-searching. During those dark nights of the soul, ministers should think about Vanna White.

Do you remember when Vanna switched from turning the letters to touching a switch? The headline in our local paper was an attention grabber: "Vanna will be pushing some buttons."

Brett Younger

Baby Boot Camp helps women get through first six weeks of motherhood_40504

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Baby Boot Camp helps women

get through first six weeks of motherhood

By Sondra Washington

Woman's Missionary Union

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—The first six weeks of motherhood can be one of the most difficult seasons in a woman's life, author Rebecca Ingram Powell believes.

Senate approves fetus protection bill_40504

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Senate approves fetus protection bill

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The Senate has given final approval to a bill that treats violence against a pregnant woman as two separate crimes—against her and the fetus she is carrying.

Hardin-Simmons University considers letting students hold dances in campus facilities_32204

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Hardin-Simmons University considers letting students hold dances in campus facilities

ABILENE-Hardin-Simmons University's administrative council will decide whether to permit supervised on-campus dances as a part of student social activities.

Student Congress President Ash Wright and Parliamentarian Wayne Holder recently asked the university's trustees to consider allowing campus facilities to be used for social activities that include student mixers and dances.

Currently, student organizations have off-campus social gatherings that include dancing.

Texas Baptist Forum_32204

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM Jesus' sacrifice

Because of "The Passion of the Christ," debate is raging about who killed Jesus. Again, as people, we put the focus on us.

Some blame others, and others blame themselves. We think the universe revolves around us.

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Jesus willingly gave his life, as the final ultimate sacrifice, to allow us to be made pure in our Father's eyes. It's not about us; it's about him. Praise his name!

CYBERCOLUMN for 3/22 by Berry D. Simpson: Friends_32204

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CYBERCOLUMN: Friends

By Berry D. Simpson

In John 15, Jesus calls us his friends. It has always been easy for me to think of Jesus being a friend to me, but I stumble over the idea that he sees me as a friend to him. I never thought I had that much to offer as a friend, especially to someone like Jesus.

Part of the problem may have been my distorted view of friendship, which I saw more as an exchange of services. My closest friends through college and young adult life tended to be men who had linked up with me in a spiritual role. Either they were mentors to me, or I was a mentor to them. I remember those as warm friendships, and I am sure we loved each other (even though we never said it out loud, no way). But I linked friendship with mentoring, not partnering.

Berry D. Simpson

Two Texans among Baptist missionaries killed, hurt in Iraq_32204

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Two Texans among Baptist missionaries killed, hurt in Iraq

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

MOSUL, Iraq-A husband and wife from Texas were among the four Southern Baptist missionaries killed and one critically injured in a March 15 drive-by shooting in Iraq.

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