

It's a full house at the Walls'_22304

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Full House



Life at the Walls household near Quinlan is a family affair as Larry and Meg (left and center in right photo) have opened their home. The Wallses started with Buckner Baptist Benevolences as foster parents. Eventually, they began adopting needy children and ended up with a whole new family. Meg Walls' father, Harley Watkins, (far right) lives next door to the family's 10-acre home site. She says the setting is perfect for their ever-growing family, giving the children plenty of room to play. (Scott Collins Photos)

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By Craig Bird

Special to the Baptist Standard

SAN ANTONIO—Unequivocal support for Israel as "the last, best hope for democracy, justice, righteousness, liberty, dignity, and peace in a war-weary land" doesn't translate into automatic opposition to the legitimate needs and dreams of Palestinians, a Baptist pastor recently told a Jewish congregation.

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Staff Writer

BAYTOWN-February fifth Sundays only come around three times a century, and at least one member of Memorial Baptist Church in Baytown believes they should be memorable.

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DALLAS—Some schoolchildren may use daily classroom moments of silence to pray for all "A's." Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas created a cheat sheet to help them do it.

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Steve Richardson instructs Zachary Dillahunt with his trumpet (left) and Kim Sharp teaches Landon Parker on the piano at the community music school sponsored by Central Baptist Church in Livingston.

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

LIVINGSTON—Central Baptist Church of Livingston is bringing the gift of music—and the sweet melody of Christian love—to young people in a small East Texas town.

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CIBOLO—Israelites who carried the tabernacle through 40 years of wilderness wanderings probably never expected it to end up in South Central Texas, just outside Cibolo.

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KINGSVILLE—A small South Texas church could owe up to \$10,000 in back taxes on two church-owned properties unless a county authority restores the facilities' tax-exempt status.

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Students from Clark University and other schools in Worcester, Mass. (left), enjoy a game of Scrabble during the "Ignite" coffeehouse held as a ministry of the Worcester Collegiate Christian Network. Wayland senior Steve Howe (right, center) enjoys dinner with two Christian student leaders at Clark University, freshman Kevin Vagen, left, and sophomore Heidi Kaufmann.

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By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW-For many college students, putting off their final semester before graduation would be unthinkable. But for Steve Howe, it was simply a matter of following God's call.

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France's lower house of parliament has voted overwhelmingly to prohibit students from wearing "conspicuous" religious symbols in public schools, sparking an outcry from religious liberty advocates in the United States.

The French National Assembly voted 494 to 36 on Feb. 10 to ban "signs and dress that conspicuously show the religious affiliation of students." The measure goes to the French Senate next month. If approved, it would take effect in September.

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Students who drop out of college often cite finances as the key reason, but the real problem is inability to plan for cost increases, administrators at East Texas Baptist University believe.

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SAN ANTONIO—True Vine Baptist Church has grown like kudzu, nourished by the richest of sources—its baptismal waters.

Pastor Jesse Grice started the church in his home in 1993. But the congregation soon outgrew his living room, and it moved to a storefront facility.

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Get small to make big campus impact, college students told

By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

GRAND PRAIRIE—Small groups make a big impact on college campuses—one life at a time, ministry leaders recently told a student conference.

More than 400 college students learned the power of getting small at a Feb. 6-7 Small Groups Conference at The Oaks Baptist Church in Grand Prairie. The Center for Collegiate Ministry of the Baptist General Convention of Texas sponsored the event.