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By Barbara Denman

Florida Baptist Convention

MELBOURNE, Fla. (BP)—While most people evacuated Cocoa Beach, Dave Guise decided to ride out Hurricane Frances' onslaught inside First Baptist Church, thinking he could help protect the structure in the event of fire or other danger.

The
steeple of
First
Baptist
Church of
Cocoa
Beach,
Fla., was
severed
by
Hurricane
Frances
and
speared
the roof of
the
sanctuary,
coming to
rest in the
balcony.
No one
was
injured.
(ABP/Greg
Warner
Photo)

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By Sherri Brown

Baptist Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. (BP)—In the shadow of the Bristol Motor Speedway, just across from a booth selling Dale Jr. T-shirts and down from a fried Oreos stand, Ronnie Hill was making his pitch. “Get your free chance to win a Harley! All you gotta do is listen to me for 10 minutes.”

Congressman outed by gay-rights website_92004

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

NEW YORK (ABP)-Rep. Ed Schrock (R-Va.), one of Congress' staunchest opponents of gay rights, has declined to seek re-election to a third term in the House after a website claimed he solicited sex with men on a gay telephone-rendezvous service.

Most Protestant ministers lack understanding of other faiths_92004

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American Protestant ministers unfamiliar with other faiths

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)-Protestant ministers in the United States often have some familiarity with the core beliefs of Islam but little familiarity with faiths such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Scientology or Wicca, a recent

study revealed.

Protestant clergy tend to be most familiar with Roman Catholicism and Judaism among non-Protestant faith groups, the study found.

Ellison Research, a marketing research firm in Phoenix, conducted the poll for LifeWay Christian Resources' Facts & Trends magazine.

Texas Baptists connected by family ties to churches in Minnesota-Wisconsin Convention_92004

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Like one family member helping another, the Baptist General Convention of Texas is nurturing ministry through its longstanding partnership with the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention.

Offering enables Texas Baptists to wrap arms around state_92004

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Texas Baptist Communications

Texas Baptists can put their arms lovingly around the state by cooperatively putting their hearts behind the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions, a state missions leader insists.

LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Sept. 26: Resisting temptation requires God's assistance_92004

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Resisting temptation requires God's assistance

Luke 4:1-44

By Pakon Chan

Chinese Baptist Church, Arlington

LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Oct. 3: Jesus still

calls people to drop, kneel & follow_92

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Jesus still calls people to drop, kneel & follow

Luke 5:1-39

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Chinese Baptist Church, Arlington

LifeWay Family Bible Series for Sept. 26: God encourages us by allowing us to know him_92004

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God encourages us by allowing us to know him

Revelation 1:1-20

By Angela Hamm

First Baptist Church, Lewisville

LifeWay Family Bible Series for Oct. 3: Showing love to others can bring about change_92004

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Showing love to others can bring about change

Luke 7:36-50

By Angela Hamm

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

FORT WORTH-Nineteen FamilyNet employees learned Sept. 9 their jobs were eliminated as part of a major cost-cutting measure that reduces the broadcasting network's annual operating budget from \$8.5 million to \$4 million.

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The Smith Band from Houston leads worship during Focus.
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By Laura Cadena

Texas Baptist Communications

FORT WORTH-Vocational ministry demands a clear sense of calling, a willingness to prepare and tenacious obedience, Pastor Dennis Wiles told a Texas Baptist collegiate conference.