

# **Request for church directories may have violated IRS rules\_72604**

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**By Daniel Burke**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)-On the same day the Bush-Cheney campaign asked churches to host a "coffee/pot luck dinner," Internal Revenue Service officials said handing over a congregation's membership list could violate federal regulations.

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## **America's Junior Miss cites vital Christian faith as her source of**

# strength\_72604

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## America's Junior Miss cites vital Christian faith as her source of strength

**By Chris Otts**

*Religion News Service*

MOBILE, Ala. (RNS)-Some parents have trouble trying to tote young children to church. But young Shannon Essenpreis helped get her family focused on faith.

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# Texas Baptist Forum\_72604

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**TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM:**

## Editor should join 'outfit'

I received my July 12 Baptist Standard the other day, and it seems the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has taken over our editor and the Baptist Standard.

I would suggest that you resign and join that outfit. Don't drag Texas Baptists down with you.

E-mail the editor at <a href="mailto:marvknox@baptiststandard.com">marvknox@baptiststandard.com</a>
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The Bible says that in the latter days, there will be a falling away of the elite. I see it happening.

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## Funny paper provides serious path to learning how to read, author says\_72604

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# learning how to read, author says

**By Mary Crouch**

*BGCT Summer Intern*

WACO-The funny pages offer a serious gateway to literacy, author Glenda Reese believes.

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## **New Literacy ConneXus encourages ministry\_72604**

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## **New Literacy ConneXus encourages ministry**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

WACO-Literacy ConneXus, a ministry to encourage churches to reach people by teaching them to read and write, has been launched by the Baptist General Convention of Texas Missions Equipping Center and Baylor University.

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# **Innovative literacy program offers hope to Waco families\_72604**

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A volunteer  
teaches  
adults to  
read and  
write  
through an  
innovative  
family  
literacy  
program co-  
sponsored  
by Baylor  
University.

## **Innovative literacy program offers hope to Waco families**

**By Sarah Farris**

*BGCT Summer Intern*

WACO-The words "Yes You Can, Si Se Puede" frame a large wall at Cesar Chavez Middle School in Waco.

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# **Malpractice crisis limits care for patients in free clinics\_72604**

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## **Malpractice crisis limits care for patients in free clinics**

**By Kirsten Pasha**

*Associated Baptist Press*

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (ABP)-High-priced malpractice insurance, which is prompting many physicians across the country to reduce their practices or leave the field, also is limiting health care for patients who use free and Christian-operated clinics.

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# Judiciary committee sends Marriage Protection Act of 2004 to House floor\_72604

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## Judiciary committee sends Marriage Protection Act of 2004 to House floor

**By Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

WASHINGTON (ABP)-The same day a gay-marriage ban failed to move forward in the Senate, a different approach to opposing same-sex nuptials passed a House committee.

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## Churches minister to isolated

# Mexican Indians\_72604

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## Churches minister to isolated Mexican Indians

**By Ferrell Foster**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

GUAGUACHIQUÉ, Mexico—Three Texas churches have their mission eyes looking steadily southward, and they've banded together to reach a people group that years ago fled to the isolation of Mexico's mountains.

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## STEVE MUNSON: Frontline ministry\_72604

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Chaplain  
Steve  
Munson,  
pastor of  
Grace  
Fellowship  
Baptist  
Church in  
Fort  
Worth,  
conducts  
an  
outdoor  
worship  
service in  
Iraq  
during his  
14-month  
tour of  
duty. He  
served as  
chaplain  
to the  
607th  
Military  
Police  
Battalion.

## **STEVE MUNSON:**

# Frontline ministry

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

FORT WORTH-Steve Munson doesn't feel comfortable in his bed just yet, but his pulpit fits fine.

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## **New churches most effective in reaching people for Christ, experts insist\_72604**

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

The need for more congregations can be summed up in several ways, but the bottom line is new churches mean more people come to know Christ,

according to Texas Baptist leaders.

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# **New Orleans Seminary trustees will weigh sole membership alternatives\_72604**

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)—New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary trustees apparently will weigh alternatives to sole membership during their October meeting, according to comments by the trustee chairman reported in the New Orleans Times-Picayune newspaper.

Messengers to the SBC annual meeting in Indianapolis voted this summer to ask seminary trustees to adopt sole membership. Sole membership seeks to clarify—in legal language—that the convention owns all of its entities.

The other five seminaries previously have adopted sole membership, as have the North American Mission Board, International Mission Board, LifeWay Christian Resources, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission and Annuity Board.