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By Kevin Eckstrom

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—A new poll says 11 million people changed their religious beliefs after seeing Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," but only a tiny fraction of movie-goers became Christians because of the film.

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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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By Lee Weeks

Baptist Press

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)—A year of planning and praying by Indiana Southern

Baptists combined with volunteer support from across the country resulted in 1,932 professions of faith in Christ during Crossover Indiana, an evangelistic blitz accompanying the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Indianapolis.

Cybercolumn by Brett Younger: You're at church now_72604

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CYBERCOLUMN: You're at church now

By Brett Younger

The rain started before we left Fort Worth and continued almost all the way. At Texarkana, I optimistically switched to "intermittent," but we spent most of the day on the fast end of the wiper speed dial. I announced several times—to no one's amusement—"The last time it rained like this Noah built himself a boat."

At Hope, Ark., the wiper blade on the passenger's side decided it had had enough and started unraveling. By the time we got to my parents' house, the wiper was almost completely gone.

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By Marv Knox

Editor

HOUSTON—Lessons learned from failed businesses can spur the Baptist General Convention of Texas to success, BGCT President Ken Hall insisted.

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By Kirsten Pasha

Associated Baptist Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP)-Members of Jewish and Baptist communities met for lunch during the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship general assembly to share stories and encourage an interfaith relationship.

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CBF officers for 2004-05 are
Moderator-Elect Joy Yee, pastor of
New Covenant Baptist Church in San
Francisco; Recording Secretary
Susan Crumpler of Mason, Ohio;
Moderator Bob Setzer Jr., pastor of
First Baptist Church of Christ in
Macon, Ga.; and Moderator Cynthia
Holmes of Overland Baptist Church
in St. Louis, Mo. (Stanley Leary
Photo)

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Editor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship voted to help start a national ecumenical organization, approved a \$16 million budget and elected new leaders during its annual general assembly in Birmingham, Ala.

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By John Pierce & Greg Warner

Baptists Today & Associated Baptist Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP)-Daniel Vestal, coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, said the Baptist World Alliance "is going to find a new vision and new life" in the next few months and years, even though it recently lost its largest member and donor.

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Associated Baptist Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP)- Being near the right Son can open doors for you, Virginia theologian John Kinney told participants at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's general assembly.

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Editor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.-Baptists fight because of centuries-old paradoxical tendencies in their nature, church historian Bill Leonard believes.

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By Trennis Henderson

Kentucky Western Recorder

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP)-One week after Southern Baptist Convention messengers voted to cut ties to the Baptist World Alliance, Cooperative

Baptist Fellowship participants welcomed the global alliance with open arms.

Faithful can help media set the record straight_71204

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Editor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.-Although the media often “miss the story” when religion and politics make the news, people of faith can respond to set the record straight, according to the editors of Associated Baptist Press.