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Jonathan Williams of First Baptist Church in Flower Mound works among the Amarakaeri people in remote areas of Peru as part of the International Mission Board's Xtreme Team.

## **Texan takes missions commitment to the extreme**

**By Sarah Farris**

*BGCT Summer Intern*

WESTERN SOUTH AMERICA-Deep in the jungles of the Amazon and high in the Andes Mountains, Texan Jonathan Williams and other missionaries are ministering in Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia and Chile in extreme ways.

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## **Sexual purity, evangelism share meeting spotlight\_71204**

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Actor  
Stephen  
Baldwin  
prays with  
students  
who made  
public  
decisions  
after his  
message  
about  
sexual  
purity at  
the Youth  
Evangelism  
Conference.  
(Ferrell  
Foster  
Photo)

## Sexual purity, evangelism share meeting spotlight

**By Ferrell Foster**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

DALLAS—More than 12,000 Texas Baptist teenagers attended this year's Youth Evangelism Conference.

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# **CYBERCOLUMN by Jeanie Miley: Free to question, blessed to grow\_71204**

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## **CYBERCOLUMN: Free to question, blessed to grow**

**By Jeanie Miley**

My life as a seeker began, appropriately, with my first religion course in college. I was so awestruck at the new information and ideas that I laboriously copied my class notes and mailed them to my parents, asking, "What do you think about this?"

For the first time, I was invited to examine my own beliefs and opinions—all of which I had absorbed from my religious culture and my home—and form a belief system and faith of my own. In that religion course, I encountered my childhood, too-small God-image.

Jeanie Miley
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# **Joel Gregory urges Baptists to exercise freedom\_71204**

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## **Joel Gregory urges Baptists to exercise freedom**

**By Marv Knox**

*Editor*

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP)—Baptists must exercise their precious freedom in order to accomplish God's work in the world, Joel Gregory insisted at the annual Associated Baptist Press banquet.

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## **First      Freedoms      Project introduced to work for religious**

# liberty\_71204

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## First Freedoms Project introduced to work for religious liberty

**By John Pierce**

*Baptists Today*

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP)—Celebrating and supporting the "founding freedoms" guaranteed in the First Amendment is the emphasis of a new project launched by three Baptist organizations, organizers say.

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## African-American Southern Baptists examine their history\_62804

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# **African-American Southern Baptists examine their history**

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)—Citing progress in minority representation and optimism toward racial inclusiveness, speakers at the annual African American Southern Baptist History Project said God is continuing to work among Southern Baptists.

Chronicling the growth of racial inclusiveness in the 16-million-member denomination, several speakers pointed to new growth since Southern Baptists became proactive about seeking change. The meeting at Gabriel Missionary Baptist Church was held prior to the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting in Indianapolis.

"The SBC's racial image is becoming more Christian as churches increasingly reflect the values of Christ toward other people groups," said Sid Smith, director of the Florida Baptist Convention's African American ministries division.

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## **SBC ends 99-year relationship with Baptist World Alliance\_62804**

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Messengers  
to the  
Southern  
Baptist  
Convention  
annual  
meeting  
vote for the  
SBC to  
withdraw  
from  
membership  
in the  
Baptist  
World  
Alliance.  
(Van Payne  
Photo)

# **SBC ends 99-year relationship with Baptist World Alliance**

**By Trennis Henderson**

*(Kentucky) Western Recorder*

INDIANAPOLIS-Southern Baptist Convention messengers voted overwhelmingly to end the denomination's 99-year relationship with the Baptist World Alliance.

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# **Crossover evangelism events make impact on Indianapolis\_62804**

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Dusty Selig, (left) ,  
pastor of a  
Southern Baptist  
mission  
church-the Spirit  
of the Lord  
Church in  
Indianapolis-prays  
with Jason  
Lockhart before  
baptizing him in a  
portable baptism  
tank during the  
Jesus Family  
Picnic at Garfield  
Park near  
downtown  
Indianapolis.  
Lockhart, who  
made a profession  
of faith in Christ  
at the picnic, was  
one of about 700  
Indianapolis  
residents who  
attended the day-  
long outdoor  
gathering, one of  
more than 75  
evangelistic  
Crossover events.  
(Bob Carey Photo)

# Crossover evangelism events make impact on Indianapolis

**By Lee Weeks**

*Baptist Press*

INDIANAPOLIS (BP)—Blaring rap music, yellow crime scene tape, open-hooded vehicles on ramps and young children playfully running through the streets is an all-too-common scene throughout much of inner-city America.

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## Graham urges Southern Baptists to gear up for culture wars\_62804

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## Graham urges Southern Baptists to gear up for culture wars

**By Charlie Warren**

*Arkansas Baptist News*

INDIANAPOLIS—The Southern Baptist Convention should “look up, step up,



stand up, wise up and gear up” for America's cultural wars, said outgoing SBC President Jack Graham.

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## **Annuity Board-sponsored event prior to SBC draws 600 walkers, runners\_62804**

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### **Annuity Board-sponsored event prior to SBC draws 600 walkers, runners**

**By Wendy Ashley**

*Annuity Board*

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INDIANAPOLIS (BP)—More than 600 Southern Baptist Convention messengers and guests—ranging in age from 3 to 84—participated in a pre-convention wellness walk sponsored by the SBC Annuity Board.

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# WMU leaders at annual meeting challenged to follow Christ\_62804

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## WMU leaders at annual meeting challenged to follow Christ

**By Bill Webb, John Loudat & Charlie Warren**

*Missouri Word & Way, Baptist New Mexican & Arkansas Baptist News*

INDIANAPOLIS—Missionaries, Woman's Missionary Union leaders and others explored what it means to be Christ-followers during WMU's recent 2004 annual meeting in Indianapolis.

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