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Titus 3:1-15

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heal broken relationships_51704

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Genesis 27:41; 32:3-5, 9-11; 33:1-5, 10-11

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Proverbs 17:17; 18:24; 27:5-6, 9-10, 17; Philippians 4:1-3, 10, 14-16

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Texas economy the big loser if slots OKed, professor says

By Ken Camp

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AUSTIN-Texas could lose more than \$520 million from its economy each

year if the state's lawmakers approve 40,000 video slot machines, a Las Vegas professor has estimated.

Half of Americans believe giving time more important than donating money_51704

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WASHINGTON (RNS)—Half of the people in the United States believe giving one's time to charity is more important than giving money, a poll by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has indicated.

Twenty-two percent of those surveyed said money is the more important gift to charitable causes, and 23 percent said time and money had equal importance.

“This research suggests that there's an emotional, visceral connection to volunteering that just cannot be duplicated by writing a check,” said Brad Hewitt, Thrivent Financial's senior vice president of charitable programs and volunteering, in a statement.

Calling to missions came as a whisper: 'India'_51704

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WACO-When Heather Herschap became convinced last year her prayer life was too focused on her own needs, she asked God for direction.

IMB to send out 200 more workers this year_51704

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By Mark Kelly

International Mission Board

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—A promising outlook for the 2003 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering convinced Southern Baptist International Mission Board trustees to send an additional 200 workers overseas this year.

Church electioneering could cost tax exemption_51704

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Church electioneering could cost tax exemption

By Kevin Eckstrom

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—The Internal Revenue Service has warned churches and other houses of worship they risk losing their tax-exempt status if they engage in partisan election-year politics.

Texas Baptist Forum_51704

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM

Seminary colleges

I don't understand the latest trend of our Southern Baptist seminaries—establishing an undergraduate college on their campuses. It sounds like a good idea, but it will prove to be a failure in the long run.

Yes, the young man or woman who enters a seminary undergraduate college will be theologically correct at an affordable price. However, the young man or woman will miss the benefits of receiving an education at a liberal arts college or even a tech school.

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By going to these schools first, the young man or woman will be exposed to other people and ideas that will give them an idea of the world as well as educating them in other things useful for ministry that are not taught in seminary.

Lufkin's First Baptist celebrates with dozen congregations it helped start_51704

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Lufkin's First Baptist celebrates with dozen congregations it helped start

By George Henson

Staff Writer

LUFKIN—More than 800 people from churches throughout Lufkin joined in an evening of praise the work God has done and anticipation of what they believe he will continue to do.

Greenville-based MercyMe named Dove Award artist of the year_51704

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NASHVILLE (RNS)-The Texas-based Christian group MercyMe recently was named artist of the year by the Gospel Music Association.

The band also won Dove Awards for group of the year and pop/contemporary recorded song of the year for "Word of God Speak."

Mercyme, a Christian music group based in Greenville, was named artist if the year by the Gospel Music Association.
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That song, composed by band leader Bart Millard of Highland Terrace Baptist Church in Greenville and co-writer Pete Kipley, was named song of the year.

God gave strength after Wedgwood shooting, pastor recalls_51704

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—Pastor Al Meredith vividly remembers the phone call that changed his life and the path of his congregation: “You've got to get down here. Someone's shooting the kids.”