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Safe Haven Marriage: Building a Relationship You Want to Come Home To

by Archibald D. Hart and Sharon Hart Morris (W Publishing Group)

This father-daughter team presents a readable guide to deepening intimacy in marriage and repairing emotional wounds that struggling marriages often create.

“Safe Haven marriages” describes relationships built on trust, emotional availability and sensitive responsiveness. Hart and Morris provide a helpful exposition of these qualities, enabling couples to understand how we emotionally connect with others (attachment theory) and how these emotional connections can be nurtured, strained or broken in marriage. The ideas and suggestions are clearly and simply, helping professionals and nonprofessionals understand the concepts and how they relate to building emotional connections. Enriched with case studies, readers can identify with the struggles of the couples featured in each section of the book.

What are you reading that other Texas Baptists would find helpful? Send suggestions and reviews to books@baptiststandard.com.

LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Jan. 16: There is a place for everyone in God’

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LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Jan. 16

There is a place for everyone in God's family

Luke 4:17-21; 6:17-21; 9:46-48; 18:15-17

By Pakon Chan

Chinese Baptist Church, Arlington

In our society, many people are helpless and lonely. Many of them are under the bondage of poverty, addictions, bad communal or peer influences, and discrimination. This group of people sometimes gets less attention from churches and Christians, even though we provide various social services for them. A big, beautiful middle-class church will donate a lot of food and clothing to the poor but may not welcome poor people into their fellowship and church.

Dispatches from Sri Lanka_12405

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Rubble left by the tsunamis is all that remains in many areas near Batticaloa in east Sri Lanka. Texas Baptist Men volunteers are feeding and purifying water in the area.
(Photos by Rex Campbell)



Kevin Dinnin and other Texas Baptist Men examine ways to help in a refugee camp housing 1,000 refugees of the tsunami near Batticaloa in east Sri Lanka. This camp is expected to swell to many times that number by the end of January.



Workers with Baptist Child & Family Services sort donated medication that will be distributed in the Batticaloa region of east Sri Lanka. The team is in the nation to provide emergency shelters for orphans and train residents to care for children who lost their families when a series of tsunamis hit.



Bill Gresso of Northlake Baptist Church in Garland and Dick Talley test a well on the east coast of Sri Lanka near Batticaloa. Texas Baptist Men workers are assessing where they can use water purifiers.



Texas Baptist Men volunteers and team from Baptist Child & Family Services worship with a group of believers near Batticaloa, Sri Lanka.

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News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and around the world.

Louisiana College picks new president amid

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Louisiana College trustees pick new president amid controversy

By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

PINEVILLE, La. (ABP)—Trustees of embattled Louisiana College will meet Jan. 17 to try again to elect a president, but they likely will be sued to prevent him from taking office.

At 100, BWA rejoices in its unity, Lotz says_12405

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By Lindsay Bergstrom

Associated Baptist Press

MCLEAN, Va. (ABP) - Through 100 years that have seen some of the most dramatic changes in history, worldwide Baptists have emerged with a spirit of unity, according Denton Lotz, general secretary for Baptist World Alliance.

How to give to tsunami relief_11005

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An 8.9 magnitude earthquake off the west coast of the northern Indonesian island of Sumatra caused massive tidal waves on Sunday morning, Dec. 26, that has caused more than 150,000 deaths throughout the region.

How to give to tsunami relief

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

When it comes to disaster relief, Baptists are bargain shoppers. That's the driving thought behind Baptists seeking financial donations rather than

supplies.

No more volunteers needed for tsunami relief, but be prepared, leaders say_11005

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No more volunteers needed for tsunami relief, but be prepared, leaders say

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Volunteers are not needed to help yet with the relief effort in South Asia, but they need to be prepared for action.

Baylor social work staff stitches gift for orphans_11005

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Women from Baylor's School of Social Work sewed gifts for orphans in Ukraine rather than give each other gifts for Christmas. (Photo by Cliff Cheney)

Baylor social work staff stitches gift for orphans

By Julie Carlson

Baylor University

WACO—Some babies and toddlers in the Ukraine soon will have some warm clothes for the winter, thanks to a group of women at Baylor University.

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Texas Baptists join worldwide Tsunami relief response

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

Texas Baptist Men volunteers are joining Baptist World Aid and other humanitarian agencies in what many observers have called the largest international disaster relief effort in history, after a series of earthquake-spawned waves struck 12 countries in South Asia and Northeast Africa the day after Christmas.

'20-somethings' follow own path

to faith_11005

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Every Tuesday evening, more than two dozen young Christians gather at a house in Portland, Ore., for dinner, prayer and communion. The group is a part of a growing trend among young people toward a more orthodox form of Christianity. (Photos by Melanie Conner)

'20-somethings' follow own path to faith

By Nancy Haught

Religion News Service

PORTLAND, Ore. (RNS)-In Christianity, the image of the shepherd leading sheep is a powerful one. For generations, the same could be said of parents

leading their children to their religion.

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By Kevin Eckstrom

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-Red, color experts say, is a serious color that denotes passion, heat, importance, even danger. Power ties, celebrity carpets and stop signs are all red. Red says, "Stop what you're doing and pay attention."

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Medeiros)

Expressing faith through visual images

By G. Jeffrey Macdonald

Religion News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (RNS)-As an evangelical preacher, Bruce Marcey belongs to a sermon-centered spiritual tradition that took root nearly 500 years ago with the Bible, the pulpit and the elimination of all distractions-including art.