

Correct wiring, grounding crucial for baptistry microphones

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

Electricity and water create a potentially deadly combination, but metal-not microphones themselves-present the greatest danger to people in baptistries, acoustic and church building consultants agree.

Graham helps New Orleans professor rebuild his library

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By Gary Myers

Baptist Press

ATLANTA (BP)—Preston Nix had only been at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary one month when Hurricane Katrina inundated the campus with water. A newly appointed evangelism and preaching professor, Nix lost everything—his home, his books and 30-plus years of sermon notes.

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Repairing hurricane damage as fast as possible requires decisive action on the part of a church, Baptist General Convention of Texas church facilities

consultants said.

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Root causes & accountability

Hurricane Katrina uncovered a multitude of reasons for great poverty in New Orleans, not the least of which is longstanding graft and corruption.

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"Mrs. Parks was much, much more than the bus woman. Rosa Parks shifted the gears of the universe all her life. Now she belongs to the universe. Thank you, Sister Rosa. Thank you, Rosa Parks."

Julian Bond

Chairman of the NAACP, a civil rights organization in which Parks was active, recalling how her simple act transcended the globe (RNS)
"Many of us, particularly those of us who are raising teenagers, feel like we're in a battle for our kids' hearts, minds and souls, and sometimes we're not winning. It occurred to me the other day, the only people who don't have sex on network television are married people."

John Carr

Secretary of the Department of Social Development and World Peace of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (RNS)
"The issue is not whether you accept Jesus, but whether he accepts you! I'm afraid there will be people in hell who prayed to receive Christ, but who never allowed him to deal with their sin."

Henry Blackaby

Author of *Experiencing God*, emphasizing the need for repentance (ABP)

Throwing money at the problem will not solve it there. Good citizens and taxpayers must demand that as rebuilding begins the same people who facilitated the poverty are held accountable and not allowed to participate in the “new” New Orleans. If the root problems of poverty are not addressed, all the money in the world will not solve it. More money is spent on poverty now than ever before if you look at individual giving, government spending and corporate giving.

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By Vicki Brown

Missouri Word & Way

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (ABP)—The Missouri Baptist Convention no longer is open to churches that support any organization considered to compete with the state convention or the Southern Baptist Convention.

On the Move

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Matt Broaddus to Harris Creek Church in McGregor as worship leader.

✕ **Tiffany Cohn** has resigned as minister of youth at Adamsville Church in Lampasas.

✕ **Braxton Edwards** to Paramount Church in Amarillo as music associate.

Roadside religious displays reveal breadth of expression

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Joseph
Zoetl, a
Benedictine
monk, has
crafted
miniature
cityscapes
of the
Vatican and
other
religious
locales to
create the
Ave Maria
Grotto in
Cullman,
Ala. (Photo
by Timothy
Beal/RNS)

Roadside religious displays reveal breadth of expression

By Cecile Holmes

Religion News Service

CLEVELAND, Ohio (RNS)—From golf courses to cross gardens, believers are sharing personal religious experiences in very public ways along America's highways and back roads.

Youngest, oldest children missing out on Sunday school

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By Analiz Gonzalez

Associated Baptist Press

VENTURA, Calif. (ABP)—Bible training for school-age children remains popular, but preschoolers and adolescents are kept out of the Sunday school loop in a growing number of churches.

Texas Tidbits

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Resolutions to BGCT may be submitted in advance. Messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting who wish to present resolutions for consideration of the BGCT committee on resolutions are encouraged to submit the resolution in writing prior to the convention, said Chairman Joseph Parker, pastor of David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Austin. The deadline for submitting resolutions at the convention is 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, but to allow adequate consideration by the committee and because of printing deadlines to include the resolutions in Tuesday's Convention Bulletin, Parker encourages early submission. Resolutions must be signed by an elected messenger, with church name included. Proposed resolutions may be submitted to Parker at David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 2211 E. Martin Luther King Jr., Austin 78702 or faxed to (512) 472-5399.

Buckner Foundation names executive VP. David Slover, senior development director for Children's Medical Center, has been named executive vice president of the Buckner Foundation. Slover, 41, will oversee the daily operations of the foundation, direct its fund-raising efforts, establish and build donor relationships and manage foundation assets to support Buckner's ministries. As senior director of development and campaign director for Children's Medical Center, he led the organization's \$150 million comprehensive campaign. He also has served as director of planned and major gifts at Southern Methodist University and assistant vice president at Baylor Health Care System Foundation in Dallas. Slover earned his bachelor's degree and master of business administration degree from Baylor University in Waco and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Slover and his wife, Carol, have two children, Seth and Sarah. They are members of Valley Ranch Baptist Church in Coppell, where he serves as a deacon.

Buckner Retirement Services names VP. Buckner Benevolences named Pearl Merritt vice president and general manager of Buckner Retirement Services. She previously served as senior vice president of operations for Sears Methodist Retirement System in Abilene. As vice president and general manager, she will lead all aspects of Buckner Retirement Services, which includes retirement communities in Austin, Beaumont, Dallas, Houston and Longview. A licensed vocational nurse and registered nurse, she earned the bachelor of science in nursing degree from McMurry University in Abilene and the master of science in nursing and master of science in management and human resources degrees from Abilene Christian University. She also earned the doctor of education degree from Texas Tech University. She is a member of Broadview Baptist Church in Abilene.

TOGETHER: The important thing is to come to God

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TOGETHER: The important thing is to come to God

The hearts of people across the nation have gone out to University Baptist Church in Waco and, especially, to the young family of Pastor Kyle Lake. Several calls came to me Sunday afternoon with painful messages about

the death of this gifted minister as he was preparing to baptize a new believer. Surrounded by a loving congregation, the pastor was about to participate in one of the most joyous acts of worship any pastor gets to do—baptize a new disciple of Jesus Christ.

But he would not be able to finish the service. Something went wrong. He died, apparently from an electrical shock. Doctors from the congregation sought to help. Everyone prayed. But he is gone from us, and it is too soon for us.



Every pastor knows the joy of baptizing a believer. Few things we do are more fulfilling and significant. The potential of what God will do in this new disciple's life, the joy in the smile of the one being baptized, the celebration that another soul has discovered how much God loves them, the relief that comes when sins are forgiven.

Pastor lives in Sunday school

classroom

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Joe Dougharty, pastor of Lakeview Baptist Church in Vidor, saw his parsonage torn in half by Hurricane Rita. The pastor temporarily is living in a Sunday school classroom and using the situation to share the gospel.
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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

VIDOR-Hurricane Rita took Joe Dougharty's truck, his home and everything in it. Insurance is covering the cost of his mobile home, but everything in it is gone forever. The pastor of Lakeview Baptist Church and his wife have been living in one of his church's Sunday school classrooms since the hurricane struck.□

Wayland trustees approve borrowing \$7 million

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By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW-Wayland Baptist University trustees approved borrowing up to

\$7 million to complete the Pete and Nelda Laney Student Activity Center and to buy the former Charter Plains Hospital property in Lubbock.