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Hurricane Katrina drove a young Tulane student from New Orleans to Texas, where she enrolled at the University of Texas at Arlington. "It's just frustrating, feeling like you don't have control over anything," she said.

Many who fled the Gulf Coast can identify with that response. They are grateful for the kindness they received, but they don't like having to depend on other people. That is understandable. We all want to take responsibility for our own lives and our families. Still, it is worth noting that human pride is a deceptive thing.



We think we are in control when we really aren't. We act like we have the world at our feet when we really don't. We are quick to judge how other people respond to crisis when we really don't know how we would respond. Some people escape life's floods on some occasions; others do not. Rains fall on the just and the unjust, Jesus reminds us (Matthew 5:45).

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By G. Jeffrey MacDonald

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-As Americans set new records for charitable giving in response to Hurricane Katrina-and donations for Hurricane Rita begin to

arrive-some fundraisers are seeing a principle confirmed: When the sufferers are perceived as innocent victims, donors respond generously.

Wooldridge to be nominated for BGCT second vice president

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By Marv Knox

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GEORGETOWN-A Central Texas pastor with a passion for evangelism and missions will be nominated as second vice president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas this fall.

Rita forced Katrina victims and volunteers on second exodus to sanctuary in Tyler

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

TYLER—Some Texans who volunteered in shelters for Hurricane Katrina evacuees talked about how they could be displaced themselves one day.

TBM needs volunteers, funds, prayer for hurricane relief

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With disaster relief volunteers serving in 11 Texas cities—as well as continuing cleanout and victim relief in Louisiana—Texas Baptist Men leaders noted several urgent needs.

—**Volunteers to do manual labor.** TBM has an immediate need for volunteers at the disaster operations center at 5351 Catron in east Dallas. No special training is required. Call (214) 381-2800.

—**Volunteers for cleanout.** Operations continue in Slidell, La., and additional volunteers will be needed in East Texas in coming weeks. Contact Ernie Rice at (214) 212-9891.

Cyber Column by John Duncan: God and Katrina

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CYBER COLUMN: God and Katrina

By John Duncan

I'm sitting under the old oak tree, pondering the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

The name Katrina sounds like a cute name for a little girl who might take dance lessons or tape crayon pictures on the refrigerator door or wear frilly dresses with pink silky ribbon wrapped around the waist. This Katrina was, as one child who showed up in our town with her family seeking to rebuild their lives, said: "A monster is coming! A monster is coming! A monster is coming! Roarrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr!"

TBM teams in place for Rita landfall

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Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS - Texas Baptist Men disaster relief teams are moving into strategic positions where they can begin serve as quickly as possible after Hurricane Rita makes landfall.

Cyber Column by Jeanie Miley: No cotton-candy faith

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CYBER COLUMN: No cotton-candy faith

By Jeanie Miley

When I was a child, my parents took me to the Texas State Fair, and quickly, I spotted the cotton candy.

Finally, my dad gave me some money, and I got in line at the cotton candy stand, hardly able to contain myself with the anticipation of that pink confection. Apparently, the ecstasy on my face turned to disbelief as I filled my mouth with what I thought was going to be the best thing I'd ever tasted.

Full text of Jimmy Carter's address at Baptist World Alliance meeting

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This is the complete text of an address by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter to delegates at the Baptist World Centenary Congress in Birmingham, England, in July 2005.

By Jimmy Carter

Many of you may be asking why a former politician is giving a Bible lecture to an assembly of highly qualified Christian leaders. My only credential is experience. I began teaching Bible lessons as a young midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy, and have continued this practice for the past 62 years now as a deacon at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia.

BaptistWay Bible Series for Oct. 2: God gives victory when given the opportunity

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God gives victory when given the opportunity

• Joshua 9:3-15; 10:6-14, 40-42

By Ronnie Prevost

Family Bible Series for Oct. 2: Living a holy life in an unholy world

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Family Bible Series for Oct. 2

Living a holy life in an unholy world

- Ephesians 1:1-14

By Donald Raney

Explore the Bible Series for Oct. 2: No boasting, salvation comes through grace

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Explore the Bible Series for Oct. 2

No boasting, salvation comes through grace

- Romans 3:21-28; 4:1-2,18-25

By Trey Turner