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Unexpected crises bring out the hero in some people and fearful failure in others. What is really in you becomes apparent in the storms of life. And you never know in advance how you will respond. When you have to move in a hurry, you can only take what you have already packed.

Some people pray and serve. Others prey and intimidate. Some people speak a prophetic word, and others seek unjustified profit. Some people blame and flee their responsibility. Others bless by their steady presence.



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I am so proud of our Texas Baptist response to the Katrina hurricane. Texas

Baptist Men has served in 21 locations using 30 units in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. More than 500,000 meals already have been prepared and served by these courageous servants. I spoke with a group of volunteer Baptists from Marble Falls who showed up to help Bill Gresso and his TBM crew in San Antonio. They said: "Don't thank us. This is a privilege. We are just glad there was a place we could serve." You really can't make a sacrifice for God, can you? Every gift we bring, he turns to our blessing as well.

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BaptistWay Bible Series for Sept. 25

Rely on the leadership of God

• Joshua 7:1-12, 16-21

By Ronnie Prevost

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Family Bible Series for Sept. 25

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- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

By Donald Raney

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Explore the Bible Series for Sept. 25

Move to the high ground—Jesus Christ

- Romans 3:1-20

By Trey Turner

Texas Baptist organizations team up to help hurricane victims

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The list below of organizations providing relief and shelter for victims of Hurricane Katrina will be continually updated.

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SBC Survivor Information Database—The Southern Baptist Convention is offering a free online service at www.sbc.net to aid those displaced by Hurricane Katrina to reconnect with their family and friends.

Florida position open for youth minister displaced by hurricane:

Dane Blankenship, senior pastor at First Baptist Church, Cape Coral, Fla., says his church is in need of a youth minister and would like to offer the position to a person/family directly affected by the hurricane. "We have

immediate housing available for this family and would be able to pay a competitive salary as well."

Write Blankeship at pastor@firstbaptistcapecoral.com

Baptist General Convention of Texas

Financial contributions to the BGCT, designated "Katrina relief," benefit both the disaster relief ministries of Texas Baptist Men and other Texas Baptist ministries to victims of the hurricane.

Cyber Column by Brett Younger: Learning trust from tragedy

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CYBER COLUMN: Learning trust from tragedy

By Brett Younger

When we began seeing the first horrific images from Hurricane Katrina, I thought about Max. On a mission trip to New Orleans in 1997, my job was leading a daily Bible study for 15 homeless men with drug or alcohol

addictions. Ex-convicts, victims of abuse, and only a few high school graduates made it a Saturday night crowd rather than one of the Sunday morning crews with whom I usually share Bible study. On the first day, while discussing the parable of the Good Samaritan, I said something like: "It's hard to know what to teach my children about strangers. I don't want them to trust everyone, but if I teach them to be afraid, I may also be teaching them to hate."

Brett Younger

Max reacted angrily, shouting: "You don't know what it's like in my world. I was 8 years old the first time I saw a man murdered. I've lost count of how many murders I've seen since then. I have an 11-year-old daughter. I'm going to teach her to fear everyone. If hating them keeps her alive, then I hope she hates them."

Diary of an Astrodome Volunteer

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By **Michelle M. Guppy**

Graceview Baptist Church, Tomball

It was Sunday.

Evacuees trust Huntsville church's facilities and care

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Evacuees trust Huntsville church's facilities and care

By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

HUNTSVILLE—About 250 evacuees from New Orleans packed into the facilities of First Baptist Church in Huntsville, but they would not leave for another newly opened shelter because they felt safe and secure, said Pastor David Valentine.

Texas, Tennessee churches make impact in local communities, Baton Rouge

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By Carla Wynn

CBF Communications

ATLANTA - Two churches located more than 850 miles apart are meeting significant needs in Baton Rouge, La., and in their hometowns.

Baptism goes on, even after total immersion of church

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Baptist
disaster-relief
volunteers
from
Mississippi,
Virginia and
other states
gather for
prayer at
First Baptist
Church in
Biloxi, Miss.,
soon after
dawn Sept. 5,
readying for
another day
preparing
meals for
victims of
hurricane
Katrina. (ABP
photo by
Stretch
Ledford)

Baptism goes on, even after

'total immersion' of church

By Dee Ann Campbell

Associated Baptist Press

GULFPORT, Miss. (ABP)—When Tom MacIntosh baptized his two oldest daughters, it was in the war-torn islands of the Philippines, with destruction and chaos all around. He had hoped the baptisms of his youngest two children would be under more tranquil circumstances.

Baptists help battered shrimpers in Alabama

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Baptists help battered shrimpers in Alabama

By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

BAYOU LA BATRE, Ala. (ABP)—In *Forrest Gump*, the hero scores an economic coup when his boat is the only one in the Bayou La Batre, Ala., shrimping fleet to survive a hurricane.