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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Iraqis will vote Oct. 15 on a proposal for a permanent constitution that many Sunni Muslim leaders, other religious minorities and secularists find deeply troubling.

Guidestone prescription drug benefits will exceed Medicare minimums

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By Curtis Sharp

GuideStone Financial Resources

DALLAS (BP)—The Medicare supplement plans available through GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention will provide prescription drug benefits that exceed the minimum standard set by Medicare.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—A federal agency has withdrawn funding from an abstinence program that is part of President Bush's "faith-based initiative,"

saying it does not have proper safeguards in place to avoid direct government support of religion.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—A new discovery in embryonic stem-cell research may end up leap-frogging the political and moral debates over the procedure.

Pat Robertson retracts assassination remark

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—Televangelist Pat Robertson initially defended, then apologized, Aug. 24 for remarks he made on national television two days before, calling for the murder of Venezuela's president.

BaptistWay Bible Series for Sept. 11: Perfection isn't necessary for service

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BaptistWay Bible Series for Sept. 11

Perfection isn't necessary for service

• Joshua 2:1-14; 6:22-25

By Ronnie Prevost

Family Bible Series for Sept. 11: Find purpose and perspective in Christ

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Family Bible Series for Sept. 11

Find purpose and perspective in Christ

• Psalm 8; Hebrews 2:8-10, 14-15

By Donald Raney

Explore the Bible Series for Sept. 11: Everyone needs to hear the story of God's love

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- Romans 1:18-32

By Trey Turner

Ministries shining light of Christ into brothels

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By Martha Skelton

BWA Communications

BIRMINGHAM, England (ABP)—“Sasha” had two children and an abusive husband in the Czech Republic. After being hospitalized from a spousal beating, she accepted an offer to go work in a restaurant in Germany to gain financial independence.

Cyber Column by John Duncan: Seasons of change

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CYBER COLUMN: Seasons of change

By John Duncan

I’m sitting here under the old oak tree, wondering about the seasons of change. Fall arrives with the splendor of change. In our town, the few trees that dot the landscape will turn from green to yellow, brown and red. Change will color the world afresh.

I'm sitting here pondering the change that surrounds me. Our middle child left for Baylor University. Baylor is a good school. After all, the women's basketball team won the national championship, and the campus appeals wonderfully to the human eye, and the Baylor tradition lives forever, but for me it represents change. The cell phone generation means I can keep in touch almost daily, but life in our home finds an empty room and a quietness that seems strange.

John Duncan

A World of Baptists

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Baptists
from around
the world
gather in
Victoria
Square in
downtown
Birmingham,
England, for
an outdoor
birthday
party to
celebrate
100 years of
the Baptist
World
Alliance.
(Photo by
Ian Britton)

A World of Baptists

By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

BIRMINGHAM, England (ABP)-In what some participants characterized as “a foretaste of heaven,” about 13,000 Baptists from around the world celebrated a century of togetherness in Birmingham, England.

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Matt Hubbard
of Travis
Avenue
Baptist
Church in
Fort Worth, a
student at
Southwestern
Seminary,
reads a pop-
up book about
the story of
Noah and the
flood to
schoolchildren
in the
mountain
village of
Chibuleo,
Ecuador.
Hubbard went
as a crew
leader on the
first
International
World
Changers
Family
Project.
(Photo by
Kristen Nicole
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By **Jesse Lyautey**

International Mission Board

AMBATO, Ecuador (BP)—Tommy Hutchison tells people he normally goes on mission trips to get away from his family.