

# **Family Bible Series for August 21: Actions always have consequences**

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## **Actions always have consequences**

- Romans 14:10-12; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; Revelation 20:11-15

**By Mitch Randall**

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## **Explore the Bible Series for August 21: Rejoice in the Lordâs sovereignty**

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**By Dennis Tucker**

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**By Greg Warner and David Winfrey**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ABP) — Trustees of LifeWay Christian Resources will vote Sept. 12-13 on the nomination of Thom Rainer to head Southern Baptists' official publishing arm.

The presidential search committee announced its choice Aug. 5 in Nashville, where LifeWay is based. Rainer, 50, is founding dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

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**By Ken Camp**

*Texas Baptist Standard*

BIRMINGHAM, England—In what some participants characterized as “a foretaste of heaven,” about 12,000 Baptists from more than 200 nations joined their voices in worship at the closing session of the Baptist World Congress.

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## **Texas, Virginia approved as Baptist World Alliance members**

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**By Robert Dilday**

*Virginia Religious Herald*

BIRMINGHAM, England (ABP)—Texas Baptists and Virginia Baptists became full-fledged members of the Baptist World Alliance following election by the BWA's General Council.

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**By Trennis Henderson**

*Kentucky Western Recorder*

BIRMINGHAM, England (ABP)—Affirming that Baptists from around the world can “have unity without uniformity,” Rick Warren told reporters at the Baptist World Alliance's centenary congress that the withdrawal of

Southern Baptists from BWA was a “silly” mistake.

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# **Persecution the norm for many Christians, panelists note**

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## **Persecution the norm for many Christians, panelists note**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

BIRMINGHAM, England (ABP)—Latvian Baptists often encounter “difficulties” from their countrymen working to halt their efforts to spread the gospel, said Yanis Smits, bishop of the Latvian Baptist Union

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## **Pastor urges Christians to ‘get**

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## **Pastor urges Christians to 'get in the game'**

**By Ferrell Foster**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

FORT WORTH-Life easily becomes a spectator sport, but "that is not the way God intended for life to be lived," said Lance Watson, pastor of St. Paul's Baptist Church in Richmond, Va.

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## **God wants his people to share blessing with everyone**

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## **God wants his people to**

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FORT WORTH-Christians have a blessing to share, and the people who need it are “right in our midst,” said Gary Patterson, pastor of Berean Bible Baptist Fellowship in San Antonio.

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## Around the State

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Willis Whitfield, a 1952 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, watches a tape of himself entering a prototype clean room at Sandia Labs. Whitfield developed the method to move filtered air through a room, removing particles with contaminate micro-electronic components. Prior to his inspiration, so-called clean rooms relied on gowns, masks and janitorial services to limit contamination. In an effort to make sure Whitfield's contributions are not forgotten, Sandia Labs has commissioned a statue of him to be the prominent feature of the new Microsystems and Engineering Science Applications Laboratory courtyard. Whitfield is married to the former Belva Wiggins, also a Hardin-Simmons University graduate. They are active in Hoffmantown Church in Albuquerque, N.M.



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◆ Howard Payne University presented service pins to several staff and faculty members to mark their terms of service. **Robert Mangrum**, professor of history and political science, was honored for his 25 years with the school. **Mary Dunham**, head of technical services and assistant professor of library science, was recognized for 20 years of employment. Recognized for 15 years of service were **Brenda Brittain**, executive secretary to the vice president for academic affairs; **Gerry Clarkson**, associate professor of physical science; **Gary Gramling**, dean of the School of Christian Studies; **Peter James**, professor of modern languages; and **Patsy Weeks**, outreach director of the Heart of Texas Literature Center. Marking 10 years were **Wendy Grooms**, associate professor of mathematics; **John Nickols**, assistant professor of history and political science; **Cathy Sneed**, assistant professor of social work; and **Rob Tucker**, associate professor of music and band director.

◆ **Michael Goodman** has been named Baptist Student Ministry director at East Texas Baptist University. He had been serving as university student minister and city strategist for the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland.

◆ **Margie Williamson**, head women's basketball coach at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor for the last five years, has resigned. She plans to pursue a doctorate in sports administration.

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## **Bartimaeus church looking for a lift, hoping for help**

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

DALLAS—Twenty-two years ago, Baptist Standard readers helped members of Bartimaeus Baptist Church attend worship services. Pastor David Whitmore's congregation is counting on generosity to help the helpless once again.

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## **Texas Baptist author feels dead certain of prayer's power**

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**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

Don Piper feels dead certain prayer works. In fact, he believes it brought him back from the dead.