

# Book Reviews

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***Why the Rest Hates the West*** by Meic Piese (InterVarsity Press)

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*Why the Rest Hates the West* fills two important needs. First, it provides a helpful historical analysis of how Western culture (primarily North America and Western Europe) has evolved in ways that put it at odds with non-Westerners around the world. Second, it provides a critique of Western culture that avoids the extremes of both political and patriotic correctness. In fact, more than anything else, this balanced and well-articulated approach by Meic Pearse makes the book worth your time.

What will make this book especially helpful for the average Baptist is seeing how much of anti-Western resentment is grounded in assumptions that we (North Americans and Western Europeans) have rejected traditional morality and yet still assume a natural superiority over nations and cultures who aren't as "civilized" as we see ourselves. Understanding that point might soften the hearts of those of us who also place a high value on personal and societal morality yet still find it easy to harbor anger and resentment toward nations and cultures that reject America, sometimes violently.



What are you reading that other Texas Baptists would find helpful? Send suggestions and reviews to [books@baptiststandard.com](mailto:books@baptiststandard.com).

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# Shoes for Orphan Souls launches annual national drive

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**By Felicia Fuller**

*Buckner Baptist Benevolences*

With its expanded global territory and record volunteer participation, Buckner Orphan Care International is launching its seventh year of giving new shoes to children worldwide through its annual Shoes for Orphan Souls national campaign.

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# Buckner marks 10 years of international orphan ministry

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**By Scott Collins**

*Buckner Baptist Benevolences*

Some say we live in a world without borders-that technology has made the planet a global village where travel and communications are instant.

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## Africa the new center of Christianity

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An  
African  
group  
sings at  
the  
Baptist  
World  
Centenary  
Congress.  
(Photos  
by Ferrell  
Foster)

## **Africa the new center of Christianity**

**By Tony Cartledge**

*North Carolina Biblical Recorder*

BIRMINGHAM, England (ABP)—The center of Christianity has moved to Africa, and Baptists can be catalysts for changing the continent, Frank Adams told delegates to the Baptist World Centenary Congress.

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## **British Baptists encouraged by**

# **strong showing in Birmingham**

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## **British Baptists encouraged by strong showing in Birmingham**

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

BIRMINGHAM, England (ABP)—For one week, the halls of Birmingham's International Convention Center were filled with bustle and conversation of Baptists from around the world. But for British Baptists, the clamor sends one clear message: "You are not alone in a time of pain and uncertainty."

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## **'We belong to each other because we belong to Christ'**

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# because we belong to Christ'

**By Marv Knox**

*Editor*

BIRMINGHAM, England—Margun Waren of Norway grew up in a country with a strong, state-sponsored Lutheran church. “As Baptists, we are a minority,” she said, reporting that only about 5,000 Baptists live in Norway. “It was very great for me when I first found out as a teenager that the Baptists were so many more than the small area where I grew up.”

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## Fight terrorism with dinnertime conversation

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Tony  
Campolo  
calls for a  
committment  
from  
delegates to  
the Baptist  
World  
Centenary  
Congress.  
(Photo by  
Ian Britton)

# Fight terrorism with dinnertime conversation

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

BIRMINGHAM, England (ABP)-The fight against terrorism is fought most effectively over a slice of pizza, not at airports and transit stations, global Baptist leaders insist.

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# **Fundamentalism divides Christians, Carter tells Baptists**

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## **Fundamentalism divides Christians, Carter tells Baptists**

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

BIRMINGHAM, England-Fundamentalism characterized by rigidity, domination and exclusion-practiced primarily by authoritarian males-divides Christians by adding restrictive requirements to the simple gospel message, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter told delegates to the Baptist World Centenary Congress.

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## **Couple celebrates 50th anniversary at BWA Congress**

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**By Marv Knox**

*Editor*

BIRMINGHAM, England—Paul and Eveline Miller had good reason to feel a sense of déjà vu during the Baptist World Alliance's centennial congress.

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## Carter Hunger for healing, desire for justice transcend differences

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## Carter: Hunger for healing, desire for justice transcend differences

**By Greg Warner**

*Associated Baptist Press*

BIRMINGHAM, England (ABP)—There is an “intense hunger” among Christians worldwide—and among people of all faiths—to work for justice

and oppose terrorism, despite serious differences of faith, former United States President Jimmy Carter told reporters at the Baptist World Congress.

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# **Church should become new health service for the world**

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**By Marv Knox**

*Editor*

BIRMINGHAM, England—Like Cinderella, the 21st century church must leave the “scullery” and engage the world as Christ intended it to, Steve Chalke told participants at the Baptist World Centenary Congress.

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# **Christ's love commands compassion for hurting & needy**

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## **Christ's love commands compassion for hurting & needy**

**By Marv Knox**

*Editor*

BIRMINGHAM, England—Christ's love commands compassion for a world filled with suffering and pain, speaker after speaker told participants at the Baptist World Centenary Congress.