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By Marv Knox

Editor

BIRMINGHAM, England—The Baptist World Alliance's newest members already feel the force of history and the power of relationships.

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

BIRMINGHAM, England—Delegates to the Baptist World Centenary Congress elected a British Baptist as their president, received a report on the state of the Baptist World Alliance and heard an impassioned call for social justice from a Jamaican pastor.

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Stephen
Stookey of
the B.H.
Carroll
Institute
speaks to a
Texas
Baptist
group at a
once-hidden
Baptist
church in
Tewksbury,
England.
(Photos by
by Ferrell
Foster)

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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

TEWKSBURY, England—Thirty-five Baptists gathered in a “hidden” church meetinghouse in a picturesque English village, and they heard about the Baptists who met there more than 300 years ago.

Cartoon

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<p>Sunday, Aug. 14, 11:40 a.m.: Pastor Hangtime realizes his congregation beat him to the "all heads bowed; all eyes closed" invitation.</p>
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2nd Opinion: When should a child be baptized

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By Roger Olsen

It's an age-old question for Baptists, Mennonites, Pentecostals and others who practice believer baptism. When is a person mature enough to receive water baptism? Most Anabaptists (Mennonites, Amish) wait until the candidate has had a profound religious awakening with sorrow for sin and repentance. They believe true conversion (as opposed to raising the hand to "receive Jesus as Savior and Lord") cannot happen until after the onset of adolescence. Many reserve baptism for 16-year-olds.

In contrast, many Baptists and Pentecostals baptize children as soon as they ask for baptism, so long as they express faith in Jesus Christ. I have observed children as young as 6 and 7 being baptized in Baptist churches. But many Baptists call this "kiddie baptism" and compare it with infant baptism. Is a 6-year-old sufficiently mature to repent and trust in Christ alone for eternal salvation? Can a 7-year-old know what these concepts mean?

DOWN HOME: His 'kingdom' for a glass of iced tea

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Here are two words for anybody who wants to make money and doesn't mind moving to England: "iced tea."

That's right. Here are a few more: "T-shirts" and "enchiladas."

Joanna, our youngest daughter, Molly, and I just got back from England, where we attended the 100th anniversary of the Baptist World Alliance. Had a terrific time.

EDITORIAL: There's no place like home (in the BWA)

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You can't sing "To God be the Glory" and cry at the same time. Well, maybe *you* can sing and cry simultaneously, but I can't.

That fact became clear during the opening moments of the Baptist World

Centenary Congress. Baptists from around the globe stood to sing that grand old hymn. Instantly, 13,000 voices reverberated off the walls of the arena in Birmingham, England. We intoned adoration of our God.

But I didn't do my part. I tried earnestly. "To God, be the glory; great things he hath ... ," I started. Then my throat felt like I swallowed a tennis ball.

Texas Baptist Forum

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Modes of baptism

While I respect Weldon Poise's beliefs regarding baptism (July 25), I offer the following for consideration:

First, Baptist commitment to immersion far pre-dates the rise of Landmarkism in the early 1800s. Perhaps he has confused the issue of "alien immersion" with the question of immersion as the New Testament mode of baptism.