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**By Bobby Ross Jr.**

*Religion News Service*

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (RNS)-At the Sirloin Stockade, the state school board chairman leading an assault on “neo-Darwinian biological evolution” bowed his head and prayed aloud before eating his buffet lunch.

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## Texas Baptist Forum

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**Get with the program**

I have followed this dispute between the two Baptist groups in Texas since its inception. The fact of the matter is that both groups are right but do not have the right to insist the other accept their point of view.

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*"The people of China want more freedom to express themselves, to worship without state control, to print Bibles and other sacred texts without fear of punishment. ... By meeting the legitimate demands of its citizens for freedom and openness, China's leaders can help their country grow into a modern, prosperous and confident nation."*

**President Bush**

Speaking during his recent trip to Asia  
(RNS)

*"Ruth and I have enjoyed our time together these last few months, and we both feel at peace about the decision to have the New York meetings be our last."*

*We know that God can still use us to reach people with the gospel message in other ways, and we look forward to seeing how he will do so."*

**Billy Graham**

The famed evangelist, who recently turned 87 and suffers from Parkinson's disease, held his last crusade this June in New York. (RNS)

*"I woke up one day and thought, 'My God, I'm about to have a baby; how am I going to teach my child what the meaning of life is when I don't know myself?' If she asks why she's here and who is God or why are people suffering, I want to have answers. And I want to ask those questions, too."*

**Madonna**

Pop singer, discussing how the birth of her daughter affected her thinking about spiritual matters (RNS/USA Today)

The Baptist General Convention of Texas is social in context and views Scripture from that point of view, whereas the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention is evangelistic and sees its mission and interpretation of Scripture from that point of view.

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| Bill Carrell,<br>dean of<br>Christian<br>studies at the<br>University of<br>Mary Hardin-<br>Baylor,<br>teaches at the<br>Nigerian<br>Baptist<br>Theological<br>Seminary. |
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By **John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

Nigerian Baptists share the same theology and mission as Texas Baptists. They even sing the same hymns.

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## On the Move

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**Neil Adams** to Bethlehem Church in Douglassville as pastor.

- ♦ **Jack Allen** to First Church in Tuleta as pastor.
  - ♦ **Bud Ammerman** has resigned as pastor of Choate Church in Kenedy.
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# **Port Neches youth choir shares the gospel in Spain**

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First Baptist Church in Port Neches welcomed 47 youth and adults home from an 11-day mission trip to Denia, Spain. The group partnered with The Alpha & Omega Christian School sponsored by the Holy Trinity Baptist Church in Denia to minister to children through a sports, music and art camp. Pastor David Mahfouz, Music Minister Tim Holder and Student Minister Adam Pardue were the group's leaders. While in Denia, the youth choir sang at an official meeting in the home of the mayor and at a nursing home and were warmly welcomed at various open-air venues around the city.

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A group of young people from First Baptist Church in Port Neches recently discovered moving to their own beat can have a powerful impact on those around them.

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**By Nancy Haught**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)-Whether you see earthquakes, hurricanes and tsunamis as natural disasters or acts of God, this has been a bad year for the world and a good one for the rapture index.

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# **After 80 years, town still known for ‘Monkey Trial’**

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Tom Davis  
gives a tour  
of the  
museum in  
the basement  
of the Rhea  
County  
Courthouse  
dedicated to  
the Scopes  
"Monkey  
Trial." Eighty  
years ago,  
media  
coverage of  
the trial  
branded  
Dayton,  
Tenn., a  
backwater  
haven of the  
Bible Belt,  
where  
ignorant  
Christians  
gave blind  
faith  
precedence  
over  
scientific  
discovery.  
(Photos by  
Michael  
Clancy/RNS)

# After 80 years, town still known for 'Monkey Trial'

**By Amy Green**

*Religion News Service*

DAYTON, Tenn. (RNS)-Eighty years ago, media coverage of the Scopes “Monkey Trial” branded this town a backwater haven of the Bible Belt, a place where ignorant Christians gave blind faith precedence over scientific discovery.

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## Strickland recognized as advocate for children

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DALLAS-The Texas Conference of Churches and Texans Care for Children recently recognized Baptist General Convention of Texas Christian Life

Commission Director Phil Strickland for his years of advocating for the betterment of children's lives.

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# **Teens offer needy families reason to give thanks**

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**By Miranda Bradley**

*Texas Baptist Children's Home*

ROUND ROCK-Teenagers who have discovered hope through a Texas Baptist Children's Home program offered needy families a reason to give thanks.

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# Texas Tidbits

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**DBU honors two.** Dallas Baptist University honored Michael Stuart, a Mesquite dentist, church musician and member of First Baptist Church in Sunnyvale, as 2005 Distinguished Alumnus at its homecoming alumni banquet. Stuart, who completed his undergraduate studies at DBU in 1974, went on to earn a master's degree in church music from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and his doctorate from the Baylor College of Dentistry. His wife, Kathy, is a retired educator and principal. The Stuarts have two daughters and three grandchildren. DBU also honored Jamie Lash, business professor and director of student development, with its 2005 Honorary Alumnus award. Before joining the DBU faculty in 1988, Lash taught at Baylor University. In addition to his responsibilities on the DBU campus, Lash is a frequent speaker at churches and retreats throughout the United States. For six years, he maintained a radio ministry in Washington, D.C., and Dallas. He and his wife, Marcy, live in Grand Prairie and have three children.

**ETBU education students form organization.** East Texas Baptist University education students have formed a new campus organization—the Future Educators of the World. Newly elected officers are President Sara Thompson, a junior from Marshall; Vice President Lauren Youngblood, a junior from Whitehouse; and Secretary Amy DuBose, a senior from Overton. Brian Nichols, dean of the ETBU School of Education, and Carolyn Dierksen, associate professor of teacher education, will serve as faculty

sponsors.

**Information desired on evangelist.** The archivist at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary is seeking information about 20th century Texas Baptist evangelist B.B. Crimm. Crimm lived in Marshall and died in 1950. Anyone who has information about Crimm, including any stories regarding his life and ministry, can contact Jim Lutzweiler at 101 Thornwood Rd., Jamestown, N.C. 27282 or call (919) 761-2249 or (336) 686-2043.

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# FDA oversight of cigarettes urged

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**By Bruce Taylor Seeman**

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WASHINGTON (RNS)—After being indicted by a grand jury and bounced from his leadership post in Congress, Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, has another distraction—interfaith groups pressuring him to drop his opposition to Food and Drug Administration oversight of cigarette sales, which health experts say could save thousands of American lives.

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# **TOGETHER: Make a bigger difference in Texas**

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## **TOGETHER: Make a bigger difference in Texas**

The latest *Texas Almanac* came as a birthday present from my brother this past week. This is the sesquicentennial edition—for the first time printed in color! And full of facts.

It documents how Baptists have grown in Texas. There are 4.5 million of us, along with 4.4 million Catholics and 4 million aligned with other religious groups.

But the largest group of all is the “unclaimed.” They are “nonadherents to religion.” In 1990, there were 5.5 million, and now there are 8 million—an increase of almost 50 percent! If these 8 million people constituted one state, it would be the 11th-most-populated state in the nation.

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