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*Facing  
the  
Giants*, a  
film made  
by  
Sherwood  
Baptist  
Church of  
Albany,  
Ga., has  
played to  
audiences  
in more  
than a  
million  
people in  
650  
theaters  
and is  
now  
available  
on DVD.

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**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

ALBANY, Ga.—“Nothing is impossible with God” is a recurring theme throughout *Facing the Giants*, a feature-length independent movie created by [Sherwood Baptist Church](#).

Now the same theme is evident in the life of the church, where leaders plan to use proceeds from the movie's upcoming release on DVD to fund a sports outreach facility.

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## Texas Baptist Men seek to provide pure Water of Life

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**By Barbara Bedrick**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

ZACATECAS, Mexico—Many children in villages throughout much of the Mexican state of Zacatecas cannot drink water without swallowing arsenic and heavy metals. But [Texas Baptist Men](#) volunteers are seeking to correct that problem, one community at a time through their Agua de Vida—Water of Life—project.

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| Texas Baptist<br>Men<br>volunteers<br>test and<br>purify water<br>in Zacatecas,<br>Mexico. The<br>men's work in<br>Mexico is<br>saving the<br>lives of<br>people whose<br>only source of<br>drinking<br>water was<br>contaminated. |
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Much of the water supply in central Mexico contains heavy levels of arsenic. Thousands of indigenous people live with this danger, but children are the most vulnerable because their immune systems are not fully developed. Toxins in the water can cause skin lesions, cancer, neurological damage and even death.

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University of  
Mary Hardin-  
Baylor  
international  
student Kim  
Jobke stands  
between her  
American  
mother and  
sister  
decorating  
their  
Christmas  
tree while her  
host father  
looks on.

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**By Jennifer Sicking**

*University of Mary Hardin-Baylor*

TEMPLE—Kim Jobke knows about celebrating Christmas with her American host family. She should. The German native, an international student at the [University of Mary Hardin-Baylor](#), has celebrated with them for five years.

In Berlin, where her parents live, they open presents on Christmas Eve.

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PARIS—Mike Bradley and his band of volunteers enjoy building wheelchair ramps to help homebound people escape houses in which they feel imprisoned due to disability. And the builders hope the ramps become highways to heaven for some people.

[Immanuel Baptist Church's](#) ramp-building ministry first came to mind through a study of the New Testament story of a man lowered through the

roof by his friends so he might meet Jesus, Bradley noted.

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| Volunteers<br>from<br>Immanuel<br>Baptist<br>Church in<br>Paris seek<br>to offer<br>homebound<br>local<br>residents<br>freedom by<br>building<br>wheelchair<br>ramps for<br>their<br>houses. |
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# **Bible Studies for Life Series for January 7: Why am I here?**

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# Why am I here?

• *Genesis 1:1-30*

**By Kenneth Lyle**

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## **Small-church                      pastors challenged to make a difference**

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At the conclusion of a recent WorldconneX conference for smaller church pastors, Ridge Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dublin, takes his turn leading the group to pray for a people group his church is seeking to reach for Christ.

## **Small-church pastors challenged to make a difference**

**By David Williams**

*WorldconneX*

WAXAHACHIE—God must love small churches since he made so many of them. That was the message pastors of small churches heard at a recent conference conducted by [WorldconneX](#), Texas Baptists' missions network.

Titled "More Than You Think You Are," the meeting at Lakeview Conference Center in Waxahachie was billed as "a new conversation for the smaller-church pastor."

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# **BaptistWay Bible Series for January 7: Believing in Jesus as the Resurrection & the Life**

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for January 7**

## **Believing in Jesus as the Resurrection & the Life**

• John 11:1-13, 17-27, 38-44

**By David Wilkinson**

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# Explore the Bible Series for January 7: God will guide his people past obstacles

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**Explore the Bible Series for January 7**

## God will guide his people past obstacles

- Nehemiah 4:1-23; 5:1-19; 6:1-19; 7:1-73

**By Howard Anderson**

*Diversified Spiritual Associates, San Antonio*

There were six attempts to stop Nehemiah's work: Sanballat and Tobiah mocked Nehemiah; the enemy threatened a military attack; Sanballat and Geshem attempted to lure Nehemiah outside of Jerusalem to Ono; Sanballat threatened Nehemiah with false charges; Shemaiah, Noadiah and others were paid to prophesy falsely and discredit Nehemiah; and Tobiah had spies in Jerusalem and wrote Nehemiah letters in order to frighten him.

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# Former WMU President Huis Coy Egge dead at 95

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Former Woman's Missionary Union of Texas President Huis Coy Egge died on Christmas Eve. She was 95.

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| Huis<br>Coy<br>Egge |
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Mrs. Egge, a native of Logansport, La., was a charter member of Broadway Baptist Church in Houston, was a member of First Baptist Church in Corsicana from 1978 to 1997 and most recently was a member of First Baptist Church in Friendswood.

She was president of Texas WMU from 1976 to 1980 and was affiliated with the missions organization most of her life.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Clarence W. Coy, and her second husband, Elvis H. Egge.

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# **Volunteersâ love encourages Moldovan women**

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Texas  
volunteers,  
Debra  
McCammon  
(from  
Mesquite),  
Lori  
Hudson  
(from  
Skidmore)  
Bea  
Mesquias  
(from  
Harlington),  
and Jerri  
Warren  
(from  
Texarkana),  
join close to  
1,000  
women in  
praying for  
Moldova.

## **Volunteers' love encourages Moldovan women**

Dressed in a borrowed winter coat, a Texas Baptist volunteer slowly approached a family working outdoors. They watched her curiously. She obviously was a stranger to their village but had a warm and loving face that made them want to stop and chat.

Susan Edwards of Dallas flashed a smile. Caught off-guard, the family smiled back. There's not much to smile about in this small, central European country. Moldova is one of the poorest countries in Europe. In villages outside of the capital, Chisinau, unemployment is well over 90 percent. Most survive like this family, from food grown in their yard.



A kiss on each side of the face is one way Moldovans express their love and gratitude. Bea Mesquias receives a "thank you" for sharing her life stories at the national Women's Ministry Conference.

Without a common spoken language between them, Edwards simply patted the woman's hand and pulled out a Russian Bible. With the simple gesture, she offered this family a chance to find a reason to smile.

Edwards, along with five other Texas volunteers, spent a week offering hope and encouragement to Moldovan women through an ongoing International Initiatives partnership between Woman's Missionary Union

and the Moldova Baptist Union.

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# Georgia church votes to purge piggy name

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*Associated Baptist Press*

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (ABP)—A Baptist church in a rapidly growing part of Georgia is no longer sitting high on the hog, thanks to a recent name-changing vote.

And some longtime members of the 152-year-old congregation, as well as residents of the surrounding community, have raised a stink about it.

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# Pastors rank among top 10 on ethics list

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DALLAS (ABP)—Americans may trust their pastors almost as much as they trust their nurses.

That's according to a recent [USA Today/Gallup Poll](#). For the sixth year in a row, nursing topped the list as the most ethical occupation in America, according to a survey of public perceptions of honesty and ethical standards for 23 occupations.