

BaptistWay Bible Series for March 26: Saul's search leads to his being found

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Saul's search leads to his being found

• 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 15-21; 10:1, 9-24

By Joseph Matos

Family Bible Series for March 26: Honor Christ through obedience

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Honor Christ through obedience

- Luke 19:28-32, 35-44

By Greg Ammons

Explore the Bible Series for March 26: God's warnings are universal

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Explore the Bible Series for March 26

God's warnings are universal

- Isaiah 13:1-23:18

By James Adair

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One of the biggest obstacles to understanding the prophetic books is that the material often is not arranged in chronological order. This situation especially is true of the three major prophetic books of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. Much of the material in these three books is arranged thematically

rather than in historical order. In particular, each of these books contains a distinct section of oracles against foreign nations; in Isaiah, this section appears in chapters 13 to 23.

BWA leaders hear of Lotz retirement, Kazakh group's withdrawal

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (ABP)—Leaders of the Baptist World Alliance found out at their March Executive Committee meeting that General Secretary Denton Lotz plans to retire and the Baptist Union of Kazakhstan has decided to leave the international federation.

Lotz, 67, said the process for selecting a new general secretary will begin immediately, and he hopes to announce a more specific time frame for his departure when the BWA General Council meets July 3-8 in Mexico City.

American hostage found dead in Iraq

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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The lone American among four Christian peace activists who have been held captive in Iraq since November was found dead in Baghdad March 9, multiple news sources reported.

The body of Tom Fox, 54, was found in a garbage dump in the western part of the city. His hands were bound, and he had a single gunshot wound to the head.

Cybercolumn by Jeanie Miley:

Being human— in the family of God

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CYBER COLUMN:

Being human—in the family of God

By Jeanie Miley

As children of God, we are made in the very image of God, created just a little lower than angels.

And we are sinners.

Three students arrested, charged with nine Alabama church fires

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Three students arrested, charged with nine Alabama church fires

By **Hannah Elliott**

Associated Baptist Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP) — Law enforcement officials arrested three men March 8 in connection with a string of nine fires at Baptist churches in rural Alabama.

Benjamin Nathan Moseley and Russell Lee Debusk, both 19-year-old students at Birmingham-Southern College, said they set the fires as a "joke," authorities said.

Moseley and Debusk appeared in federal court March 8 on charges of arson and conspiracy, according to the office of Alabama Gov. Bob Riley. Later that day, officials also arrested 20-year-old Matthew Lee Cloyd, a student at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Lotz to retire at BWA general secretary

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Lotz to retire as BWA general secretary

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Denton Lotz announced Wednesday, March 8, his intention to retire as general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

He made the announcement during the BWA Executive Committee Meeting. Lotz, 67, said the process for selecting a new general secretary will begin, and he will set a date for his departure at a later time.

The BWA Personnel Committee will serve as the search committee. All six continental groups of Baptists are represented on the committee.

Lotz said he and his wife, Janice, had turned to Scripture, prayer and the council of wise friends in making the decision. He made the decision in complete freedom, with no pressure for him to retire, Lotz said.

Two arrested in Alabama church fires

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By Hannah Elliott

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP) — Law enforcement officials arrested two men March 8 in connection with a string of Baptist church fires in rural Alabama.

Ben Moseley and Russell Debusk, both college students in the Birmingham area, appeared in federal court on suspicion of burning 10 churches, according to the office of Alabama Gov. Bob Riley. Officials continue to search for a third person, Matthew Lee Cloyd, as a suspect in the case.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives made the arrest. The agency declined to comment directly on the arrests until a 2 p.m. CST news conference today.

BaptistWay Bible Series for March 19: Do not forget the Lord's provision for your life

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BaptistWay Bible Series for March 19

Do not forget the Lord's provision for your life

• 1 Samuel 7:2-17

By Joseph Matos

Family Bible Series for March 19: Celebrate when people come to Christ

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Family Bible Series for March 19

Celebrate when people come to Christ

- Luke 15:1-7, 11-13, 22-24, 28-32

By Greg Ammons

Explore the Bible Series for

March 19: Share the refreshment of Christ with a thirsty world

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Explore the Bible Series for March 19

Share the refreshment of Christ with a thirsty world

- Isaiah 7:1-12:6

By James Adair

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Much of the material in Isaiah 7-12 is familiar to us as passages associated with Christmas, especially the Immanuel prophecy in chapter 7 and the descriptions of the ideal king/kingdom in chapters 9 and 11. It is worthwhile, however, to examine these passages apart from their New Testament applications, for they had great meaning in their original context in 8th-century B.C. Judah.





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