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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

ATLANTA (ABP)—When [Mercer University](#) recently announced it will provide undergraduate tuition scholarships for children of [Cooperative Baptist Fellowship](#) global field personnel, it joined a significant number of Baptist schools that provide scholarships for “missionary kids.”

Available for full-time students at both the school’s Macon, Ga., and Atlanta campuses, the scholarships will last eight semesters.

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Pete and
Pam
Tarbutton
visit with
son Will at
Fort Hood
the day
before his
deployment
to Iraq.

Principles learned at Miracle Farm serve alumni in military

By Courtney Cole

Miracle Farm

FORT RILEY, Kansas—U.S. Army Pvt. Josh Butler holds deep convictions about the importance of character and the value of hard work.

“It takes discipline and respect to make a good soldier. At Miracle Farm, I gained both, and I learned to respect others,” reflected Butler, who enlisted in the Army one year ago.

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By Bruce Nolan

Religion News Service

NEW ORLEANS (RNS)—All over the New Orleans area, houses of worship, just like other institutions, are dragging themselves back to some sense of normalcy after [Hurricane Katrina](#).

Some are healed. Some still suffer trials. Some are indefinitely comatose, shuttered and perhaps dead—whether they be grand churches like the permanently closed 150-year-old St. Rose of Lima, or modest street-corner churches like the wrecked hulk of Mount Carmel Ministries in the Lower 9th Ward.

Pastor/policeman carries a Bible, wears a badge

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By Greg Garrison

Religion News Service

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (RNS)—Police Officer Marvin Anthony Neal patrols the streets of Birmingham most mornings, but on Sundays, he patrols the pulpit at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Alabaster, Ala.

Neal became pastor in August but works as a patrol officer on the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift in Birmingham's south precinct.



Marvin
Anthony
Neal, pastor
of Galilee
Missionary
Baptist
Church in
Alabaster,
Ala., also is
a police
officer in
Birmingham,
Ala. (RNS
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Officers struggle with trust issues

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By Polly House

LifeWay Christian Resources

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Don't trust. Don't feel. Don't talk. Counselors know advice like that is a recipe for emotional and spiritual disaster. But any law enforcement officer knows such advice could save his life.

"We struggle with the word 'trust,' every day," said Jack Poe, chaplain for the Oklahoma City Police Department.

On the Move

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- **Jared Gibson** has resigned as minister of students at First Church of Wake Village in Texarkana.
- **Jonathan Godfrey** has resigned as music minister at Trinity Church in Gatesville.
- **Jerry Hibbs** to Southside Church in Granbury as minister of music.
- **Scott Higginbotham** to First Church in Lampasas as youth minister.

Prepare for unexpected, preschool leader urges churches

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

GRAND PRAIRIE—Church preschools and mothers' day out centers must plan for the unexpected so when a crisis arises, protocols already are in place, a veteran preschool leader said at [Dallas Baptist Association's Institute for Childcare Excellence](#), held at First Baptist Church in Grand Prairie.

Judy Lewis, who has been director of the child development center at [Cliff Temple Baptist Church](#) in Dallas five years and has worked in preschool leadership 35 years, said churches need to be proactive in their approach.

Judy Lewis,
director of
the child
development
center at Cliff
Temple
Baptist
Church in
Dallas,
stresses the
importance of
emergency
preparedness.
(Photo by
George
Henson)

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By Miranda Bradley

Children at Heart Foundation

ROUND ROCK—Asking a child with a speech impediment to read aloud could be a recipe for disaster, making him a prime target for ridicule.

Instead, as he nervously reads *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*, he is assisted through his stumbling by another child.

Same-sex marriage bans a mixed bag at the polls

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Gay-rights supporters and opponents both claimed victory after the Nov. 7 midterm elections, with voters in seven states approving same-sex marriage bans and Arizona becoming the first state in

the country to reject such an amendment.

The measure failed narrowly, with 51.4 percent opposed to [Proposition 107](#) and 48.6 percent in favor.

Abortion ban overturned in South Dakota

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (ABP)—Voters in South Dakota overturned [the nation's most stringent abortion ban](#) Nov. 7—55 percent to 45 percent. Supporters of the ban had hoped to use it to challenge the 33-year-old [Roe v. Wade](#) decision legalizing abortion.

Mike Rounds, South Dakota's Republican governor, signed the act into law March 6. Called Referred Law 6, or the "Women's Health and Human Life Protection Act," it prohibited abortions during all stages of pregnancy and in cases of rape and incest. Although it offered no exceptions for mothers in

poor health, the ban did allow abortion if the mother's life was threatened.

“Sunday-best apparel” is not what it used to be

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‘Sunday-best apparel’ is not what it used to be

By Erica Harms and Sammie Jo Barstow

Associated Baptist Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP)—Depending on where a person worships, wearing one's “Sunday best” to church today might not mean what it once did.

On Sunday mornings, more and more people are passing on dresses or ties and opting for blue jeans or khakis instead.

Texas Tidbits

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Baylor Neuroscience Center recognized. [Baylor Neuroscience Center](#) at Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas has been designated a Neuroscience Center of Excellence by the 2006 Neuroscience Center of Excellence Survey, co-sponsored by NeuroSource in Chicago and HealthTech in San Francisco. The Baylor Neuroscience Center also was listed as one of the nation's top neuroscience programs in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2006 [list of America's Best Hospitals](#). The 2006 survey, the only one of its kind in the neurosciences, analyzed 150 neuroscience programs, across 41 states. A hospital's overall performance is determined by measuring program progress in four key areas—clinical and research programs, staff, facilities/technology and business. The Baylor Neuroscience Center at Baylor Dallas was awarded the highest possible recognition—Institute Status.

Business educators discuss ethics. Business ethics was the focus of the recent meeting of the Southwest Council for the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs, held at Dallas Baptist University. The conference drew business educators from 32 schools in five states to DBU. Keynote speaker Carlos Sepulveda, president and chief executive officer of Interstate Batteries, told the group how his company uses biblical principles—alongside common sense and sound business practices—as guideposts. “It means, ‘If it’s not yours, don’t take it,’ and ‘Treat others the

way you want to be treated,'" he explained.