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Good leadership comes down to following Jesus

- Joshua 1:1-15

By Kenneth Lyle Jr.

Texas Baptist Forum

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Untrue statement

I enjoy reading the *Standard* and keeping up with the news about God's work in Texas and around the world.

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"Nobody is going to tell God what to do and what not to do, but we are in a serious drought in West Texas, and since he is the man who controls the rain clouds, we're asking him for his mercy and his help."

David Miller

Mayor of Lubbock, speaking about efforts to encourage residents to pray for rain (Lubbock Avalanche-Journal/RNS)

"I'm not against the death penalty; I'm against the wrong guy being executed. And I ask the question, 'When was the last time a rich man was executed in Texas?' Since the answer is never, I don't see how we've improved the system in the 2,000 years since Jesus Christ was executed."

Kinky Friedman

Independent candidate for Texas governor (Dallas Morning News)

"Those are decisions only the Lord will make. It would be foolish for me to speculate on who will be there and who won't. ... I don't want to speculate about all that. I believe the love of God is absolute. He said he gave his Son for the whole world, and I think he loves everybody, regardless of what label they have."

Billy Graham

The evangelist, asked if he thinks heaven is "closed to good Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus or secular people" (Newsweek/RNS)

For the most part, I enjoy and appreciate your editorials. However, in the one on the “End Times” (Aug. 7), I was disappointed in a theological doctrine you stated as being a true fact. Your statement: “From a New Testament perspective, the church—not the Jewish people—is the New Israel.”

I believe, given a careful reading of Romans 10 and 11, one would be hard-pressed to conclude Paul, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, believed the church was the New Israel.

Cybercolumn By John Duncan: Thinking of Christ

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CYBER COLUMN: Thinking of Christ

By John Duncan

I’m sitting here under the old oak tree, thinking of the world at large. In more recent days, the concepts of Gatorade-like substances and digital cameras and iPods have taken on new meaning.

Christ is meaning.

Bush's use of "Islamic fascism" prompts debate

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Bush's reference to "Islamic fascism" prompts debate

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—President Bush's use of the term "Islamic fascism" to describe the conspirators in a foiled London airline bombing plot echoes many conservatives who have employed versions of the term in recent years to discuss Islamic-based terrorism.

But Bush's use of the phrase—in a sound byte repeated on scores of international news broadcasts—raises it to a new prominence, prompting experts in Islam and international relations to question its accuracy, descriptiveness and usefulness.

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Sloan elected as Houston Baptist University president

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

HOUSTON—After 10 years as Baylor University's president—the last few marked by deep division among the Waco school's varied constituencies—Robert Sloan never thought he would want to lead another university.

But at an Aug. 8 called meeting, Houston Baptist University's trustees overwhelmingly elected Sloan, 57, as president of their 2,300-student school, effective Sept. 1.

Robert
Sloan
becomes
president
of Houston
Baptist
University
Sept. 1.
Trustees
elected him
at a called
meeting
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Sloan
served 10
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through
CERI, are
providing
on-going
care for
tsunami
orphans.

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By Craig Bird

Baptist Child & Family Services

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka—As Sri Lankan military and Tamil Tiger rebels traded mortar fire and accusations of mass slaughter, a team of volunteers

from Baptist Child & Family Services treated the sick, comforted the traumatized and dug septic tanks in the tropical heat.

Two staff members from the Texas Baptist family services agency, four members of Cibolo Creek Community Church in San Antonio, two doctors and a nurse from Tyler and two counselors from Wisconsin worked with Children's Emergency Relief International, the overseas arm of BCFS.

Faith sustains family through dark days of son's illness

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Emily and Scott Hall say their faith sustained them through the ordeal.
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Faith sustains family through dark days of son's illness

By David Alvey

Special to the Baptist Standard

GARLAND—Scott and Emily Hall had big plans this summer. He intended to teach their 15-year-old son, Ryan, to drive. The whole family had volunteered to work in Vacation Bible School at their church. And they wanted to take a road trip to the Grand Canyon.

Instead, the Halls found themselves weathering the most difficult storm of their lives when a mysterious lung disease claimed Ryan's life.



Ryan Hall, age 15, died June 20 after the sudden onset of a mysterious illness one month earlier.

VBS children fill God's Penny Pail

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VBS children fill God's Penny Pail

By Elizabeth Staples

Communications Intern

BLANKET—Children learned to be cheerful givers through Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church in Blanket.

On the first day, the 127 pre-kindergarten through 5th graders from the small community northeast of Brown-wood were challenged to donate loose change and fill up God's Penny Pail.

South Texas heat? No sweat for KidsHeart volunteers

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Girls from
Crossing
Baptist
Church in
Mesquite
take time
out from
construction
to play a
pick-up
game of
foosball in
Progreso.
(Photos by
Scott
Collins)

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By Russ Dilday

Buckner Benevolences

RIO GRANDE VALLEY—Richard Buerkle wiped a sweaty forehead with an equally sweaty forearm as he paused from his carpentry work in 100-degree heat and oppressively high humidity.

Buerkle and his team of volunteers from First Baptist Church in Gatesville, were repairing a home in Monte Alto, near the Mexican border, in preparation for repainting the home.

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KidsHeart project makes missions a family affair

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Tonya Mathews is among several members of First Baptist Church of Gatesville who is leading 46 children in Vacation Bible School in Monte Alto as part of the KidsHeart missions event in July in the Rio Grande Valley. Among the children are her own, including Jordan, 7 (wearing No. 7).

KidsHeart project makes missions a family affair

By Russ Dilday

Buckner Benevolences

RIO GRANDE VALLEY—During the first full workday of KidsHeart, it became clear families had become a powerful force in the weeklong event—a joint missions effort of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Buckner Benevolences that matches churches with needs in the Rio Grande Valley.

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At Monte Alto Baptist Church, Tonya Mathews was one of several members of First Baptist Church of Gatesville who led the first day of Vacation Bible School. Among the children participating were her own—ages 7, 5 and 2.

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Grace
Temple
Baptist
Church in
Waco is one
of a
growing
number of
churches
holding
Vacation
Bible
School in
the
evening.
(Photos by
Diane
Lane/BGCT)

VBS shines light in the darkness this summer

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Many Vacation Bible Schools in Texas this summer decided to shine light into the darkness.

The majority of Texas churches who reported 2005 Vacation Bible School statistics to Lifeway Christian Resources held their Bible schools at night—a change from the typical weeklong events held in the morning.