

Explore the Bible Series for August 13: The Teacher focuses on integrity

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The Teacher focuses on integrity

- Ecclesiastes 9:1-11:6

By James Adair

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About six years ago, a non-profit corporation called Foundation for a Better Life started putting messages on billboards around the country. The billboards weren't trying to sell a product, promote a candidate, or push an agenda. Each one had a single image, a brief message and a note encouraging people to pass that message on to others. The messages were inspirational, and they used real people (for the most part)—both famous and largely unknown—to illustrate a principle of character.

American, European Baptists call for Lebanon cease-fire

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—American and European Baptist leaders called for an immediate cease-fire of hostilities between Israel and militant wings of Hezbollah in southern Lebanon, but President Bush and other key United State leaders dismissed any cease-fire that does not include disarming Hezbollah.

Leaders of the European Baptist Federation passed a resolution July 26 in which the 51-nation group “joins the call of the United Nations Secretary General, the European Union and others for an immediate cessation of hostilities, praying for a just and lasting peace for all peoples and a negotiated cease-fire.”

Survey finds 60 Baptist women ordained for ministry in 2005

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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

ATLANTA (ABP)—About 1,600 Baptist women have been ordained to the ministry in the United States, a new report released by Baptist Women in Ministry revealed.

Cybercolumn by Jeanie Miley: Baptist definitions

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CYBER COLUMN: Baptist definitions

By Jeanie Miley

“Don’t let anyone crowd you,” my father told me when I was an adolescent. And “Watch extremes!”

What he told me “took,” especially when it comes to being backed into the corner of a religious, denominational or political label!

BaptistWay Bible Series for August 6: Leaving and learning from a legacy

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BaptistWay Bible Series for August 6

Leaving—and learning from—a legacy

• 2 Timothy 4:1-8

By Joseph Matos

Family Bible Series for August 6: Set apart by God for service, righteousness

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Family Bible Series for August 6

Set apart by God for service, righteousness

• John 17:9-23

By Greg Ammons

Explore the Bible Series for August 6: Fear God, but beware

legalism

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Explore the Bible Series for August 6

Fear God, but beware legalism

- Ecclesiastes 7:1-8:17

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In his Nicomachean Ethics, the great philosopher Aristotle discusses the “doctrine of the mean.” He says the excellence of a thing, be it a human or a horse, may be defined as its ability to perform its function well. Further, he says, “well” may be defined as that point midway between excess and deficiency, that is, the mean.

VBS “makeover” puts children to work

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VBS 'makeover' puts children to work

By George Henson

Staff Writer

BEAUMONT—Children attending Vacation Bible School at North End Baptist Church in Beaumont learned you don't have to be on television to make a difference in someone's life.

The VBS team at North End chose to write their own curriculum this year and settled on "Extreme Church: Service Edition," a take-off on the television series Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.

Volunteers fleeing Beirut reach Cyprus on U.S. Navy ship, heading home soon

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By Erich Bridges

LARNACA, Cyprus (BP)—After being trapped for more than a week in Beirut as Israeli-Hezbollah fighting raged, 19 tired and relieved Southern Baptist volunteers arrived in Cyprus from Lebanon early July 21 aboard the Navy transport USS Nashville.

The volunteers from two churches in Georgia and Texas were transported by bus with hundreds of other U.S. evacuees from the Cypriot port of Larnaca to Nicosia, where U.S. embassy officials have set up a receiving area equipped with cots, food and beverages in a city convention center. From there, the volunteers were expected to board one of the charter flights U.S. officials have arranged to take Americans exiting Lebanon home to the United States.

The two volunteer groups include 10 members from First Baptist Church of Forney, Texas, and nine from Eagle's Landing First Baptist Church in Henry County, Ga. They had been participating in various summer ministries with Lebanese Baptists through churches in Beirut when cross-border bombing and rocket attacks broke out between Hezbollah guerrillas based in southern Lebanon and Israeli forces.

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If they can quit fighting, anyone can

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By Trennis Henderson

Kentucky Western Recorder

MEXICO CITY—Acknowledging Christians “will always have conflict,” Paul Msiza of South Africa advocated for conflict resolution during the Baptist World Alliance annual gathering in Mexico City.

Msiza, general secretary of the Baptist Convention of South Africa, recounted how his convention broke away from the Baptist Union of South Africa almost two decades ago.

BWA shows Baptists’ essential unity

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BWA shows Baptists’ ‘essential unity’

By Trennis Henderson

Kentucky Western Recorder

MEXICO CITY (ABP)—The Baptist World Alliance ushered in its second century by unveiling plans to expand participation in the international organization.

For starters, BWA’s annual General Council meeting was renamed the BWA annual gathering, signaling a desire to expand participation beyond BWA’s leadership circle.