

BaptistWay Bible Series for July 16: Invest yourself in the spiritual life of another

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- 2 Timothy 1:1-14

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Family Bible Series for July 16: God guides believers with strength

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- Exodus 13:17-18, 20-22; 14:5-6, 10, 13-14, 31; 15:1-2, 11-13

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Explore the Bible Series for July 16: Beware of speaking rashly for God

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Beware of speaking rashly for God

- Job 38:1-42:17

By James Adair

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Job has suffered incredible loss, indescribable pain and extraordinary sorrow. His three friends have added insult to injury, and the interloper Elihu has added his opinion. Job has expressed his outrage and called for justice.

Cybercolumn by Jeanie Miley: 'Living the rightness'

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CYBER COLUMN: 'Living the rightness'

By Jeanie Miley

"I don't have to prove myself right," the movie character told his movie son.
"I just have to prove them wrong."

Those words flew off the screen and into my head, and I've been pondering them ever since. I was stunned by them and shaken by the awareness of how many times I've seen that very principle at work.

Jeanie Miley

BaptistWay Bible Series for July 9: Investigate your heart's desire

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Investigate your heart's desire

- 1 Timothy 6:2-16

By Joseph Matos

Family Bible Series for July 9: God can be trusted to help in times of struggle

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God can be trusted to help in times of struggle

- Exodus 3:4-8, 19-21; 4:10-12, 27-31

By Greg Ammons

Explore the Bible Series for July 9: Elihu seeks to set things straight concerning Job

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Explore the Bible Series for July 9

Elihu seeks to set things straight concerning Job

- Job 32:1-37:24

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In the 1960s TV show Bewitched, nosy neighbor Gladys Kravitz regularly

snooped on the strange goings-on at the house of Darrin and Samantha Stephens. Although warned by her husband not to stick her nose where it didn't belong, she did so anyway, often with comic or even disastrous results.

Lotz: Be more like the early church

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By Tony Cartledge

N.C. Biblical Recorder

ATLANTA (ABP)—Western Baptists need to leave Christendom behind and become more like the early church, Baptist World Alliance General Secretary Denton Lotz told a BWA dinner held in conjunction with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship general assembly.

Many Westerners still hold a “Christendom-based” model of thinking—characterized by the dominant cultural role played by the Christian church in Western history, particularly in Europe, where national churches were granted privileged status, he said.

CBF broke tradition in commissioning service

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

ATLANTA (ABP)—The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship broke tradition during its annual general assembly in Atlanta by commissioning only short-term and self-funded mission workers, rather than any fully funded career missionaries.

The group commissioned 19 new affiliated workers during the service, which has become a tradition on the last night of the Fellowship's annual meeting. Of those, six were funded for one-to-three-year posts under the aegis of the group's Global Service Corps.

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ATLANTA (ABP)—Atlanta church planter Jake Myers used the images of beer, candles and theologian Soren Kierkegaard to describe the “emergent conversation” taking place within Christianity, which he said could be a good fit for members of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Myers, who leads an emergent community in the Little Five Points area of Atlanta, led a breakout session during the CBF general assembly. He also serves on staff at Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta as a church planter and mission leader.

Hudson: Step out of bubble and

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Hudson: Step out of bubble and hear God

By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

ATLANTA (ABP)—A Methodist from South Africa told a group of Baptists in the American South that they need to wake up to reality and challenged them to “step outside your own little bubble” in order to hear God’s call.

When Trevor Hudson spoke at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship’s general assembly in Atlanta, his speech—which complemented the session theme, “For the healing of the nations, Jesus wept”—was received with thunderous applause.

**TROUBLED WATERS: Are
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commitment to baptism?

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TROUBLED WATERS:

Are Baptists watering down commitment to baptism?

By Ken Camp

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Darlene Jerez, 15, of Iglesia Cristiana Internacional in Greensboro, N.C., is baptized by her pastor, David Duarte, in a session of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 13-14 in Greensboro, N.C. Each session of the meeting featured a baptism service performed by a local church. (BP Photo by Bill Bangham)

Disputes about baptism are troubling the waters in some Baptist circles. From Southern Baptist International Mission Board guidelines that narrow the parameters for acceptable baptism when it comes to missionary candidates, to churches that wrestle with the perennial question of how to handle new members from other denominations, questions swirl around an issue most Baptists considered settled more than 350 years ago—believer’s baptism by immersion.

“Believer’s baptism has long been a distinctive mark of Baptists,” Baylor University religion Professor Bill Brackney wrote in a paper published by the Baptist History & Heritage Society and the Whitsitt Baptist Heritage Society. “All Baptists, to one degree or another, recognize the importance of a believers’ church and the signal rite or ordinance of baptism.”