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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

ENID, Okla. (ABP)—Wade Burleson is calling for the Southern Baptist Convention to investigate "manipulation" and "coercion" by his fellow trustees of the International Mission Board.

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Bishop T.D. Jakes of Dallas preaches on the Trinity Broadcasting Network. At left are TBN founders Jan and Paul Crouch. Some Christian activists fear consumers may opt out of TBN programming if they are also given the chance to opt out of racier programming on MTV or Comedy Central. (RNS photo courtesy of Trinity Broadcasting Network)

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By Piet Levy

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Evangelical Christians are on the front lines in the battle over indecency on cable television, calling for a pick-and-choose pricing plan that would allow viewers to keep certain channels out of their homes.

Cartoon

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News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and around the world.

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2nd Opinion: 'When God is in it, the glory is his'

By Michael Bell

Prior to my election as president of our Baptist General Convention of Texas last fall, the Holy Spirit repeatedly drew me to a speech given by a Pharisee named Gamaliel.

Gamaliel's talk, found in Acts 5, was occasioned by the annoying behavior of Peter and his cohorts, who continued to do what they had been doing since the day of Pentecost; they were actualizing Jesus' mandate to witness. Jesus told them to witness. So they witnessed. At every opportunity, without thought to their own personal comfort or safety, they noisily testified about what Jesus did—everywhere, all the time.

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When Pastor Jim Strickland talks about horsepower he may mean the chopper he rides or the equine variety. Strickland has served as pastor of the Mills County Cowboy Church six months. (Photo by George Henson)

Western heritage churches strive for cultural relevancy

By George Henson

Staff Writer

GOLDTHWAITE—Quicker than a bull can take two steps out of a chute, spin to his right, kick his heels to the sky and put his nose—and maybe a cowboy—in the dirt, Western heritage churches are springing up across the state.

DOWN HOME: Love means letting those chickees fly

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So, this is why I lay awake all those nights.

Four years ago this summer, I endured Lord-knows-how-many sleepless nights. Our oldest child, Lindsay, had just graduated from high school and

was preparing to head off to college.

Seems like every time I woke up in the night that summer, I thought about Lindsay. She still was where Joanna and I reveled in her being: Home. Upstairs. Asleep. Under our roof. Right where she belonged.

EDITORIAL: Do Good Samaritans climb Everest?

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David Sharp, a 34-year-old British engineer, collapsed and died on Mount Everest last month.

The Associated Press described Sharp's death as "shocking, an apparent display of preening callousness." Sir Edmund Hillary, the first climber to conquer Everest in 1953, insisted Sharp's death was "horrifying."

Sharp reached the summit, climbing alone. But as he descended through the "death zone"—almost 28,000 feet above sea level—his lungs failed to filter enough oxygen out of the thin, frigid air, and his systems began to shut down.



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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ABP)—The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee has amended a recommendation that the convention encourage the election of SBC officers "whose churches give at least 10 percent of their undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program."

Waxahachie couple fosters love in a multitude of children

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

WAXAHACHIE—A sidewalk marks the path to the door of Don and Rhodie Rawls' home—where 65 foster children have entered a refuge of love. And as clearly as concrete marks the pathway to their home, the Rawlses believe God directed them to their ministry of love and caring for children.

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Dearing Garner, director of Children's **Emergency Relief** International-Africa and Angela Namatovu, the 27year-old director of Mercy Home for Children in the Kampala, Uganda, visited some of the 1.5 million Ugandas displaced by the longrunning war between the Lord's Resistance Army and the government. (Photo by Trent Stiles)

Retired pastor discovers 'Blessings' among African orphans

By Craig Bird

Baptist Child & Family Services

Dearing Garner found Blessings in Africa—and he expects to find ongoing blessings from assisting orphans in several African nations.

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Baptisms by Ruben Rios (left) will help fill the new sanctuary of Iglesia Hispana in Gatesville.

Live Oak Church's family tree grows new branches

By Elizabeth Staples

Communications Intern

GATESVILLE—Live Oak Baptist Church focuses on family. And in recent years, the family has expanded.

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Gatesville's Born Again
Grillers, a community
ministry in Gatesville, seeks
to share Christ's love through
cooking,

Born Again Grillers serve heaping helping of hospitality

By George Henson

Staff Writer

GATESVILLE—Some people say, "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach." David Braziel believes that adage holds true not just in romance, but also in spiritual matters.