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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*

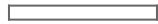
WASHINGTON (RNS)—Evangelical Christians are on the front lines in the battle over indecency on cable television, calling for a pick-and-choose pricing plan that would allow viewers to keep certain channels out of their homes.

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## 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

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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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# Western heritage churches

# strive for cultural relevancy

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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.

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## **DOWN HOME: Love means letting those chickees fly**

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### **DOWN HOME: Love means letting those chickees fly**

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.

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## **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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# Executive Committee drops 10 percent test

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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.”



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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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## **Retired pastor discovers**

# â Blessingsâ among African orphans

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Dearing Garner,  
director of  
Children's  
Emergency Relief  
International-Africa  
and Angela  
Namatovu, the 27-  
year-old director of  
Mercy Home for  
Children in the  
Kampala, Uganda,  
visited some of the  
1.5 million  
Ugandas displaced  
by the long-  
running 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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## Live Oak Church's family tree grows new branches

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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**

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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.