

Ring of Champions saving children's future through mentoring

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By Laura Frase

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DUNCANVILLE—When Carless Talton talks with young offenders in juvenile detention centers, they recognize she speaks with the authority of firsthand knowledge.

Talton relates her personal experiences as a former drug addict and prostitute and tells them about her rebirth as a Christian. Now she serves as regional director for Ring of Champions, a program sponsored by Bill Glass Champions for Life Ministries.

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

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By Elizabeth Staples

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

About three years ago, a group of Hispanics in the area joined several people at Live Oak Baptist Church and proposed to start a new Hispanic

church. After meeting on their own for a few months, they were led to a 71-year-old retired pastor, Ruben Rios. He quickly joined in their vision and became the pastor of the new Hispanic congregation, now called Iglesia Hispana.

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Everyone’s
Art Car
Parade in
Houston
featured a
join effort
by Willow
Meadows
Baptist
Church
youth and
Katrina
evacuees.

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By Karen Campbell

Union Baptist Association

HOUSTON—Take a late 1980s mud-racing Buick, add the exuberance of youth and the perspective of Katrina evacuees, plus a little paint and creativity with a touch of faith-based hope and an Art Car is born.

This year's recent Everyone's Art Car Parade featured the usual array of lowriders, classic cars, and what can only be termed "rolling contraptions" among the more than 250 entries in an annual event that attracts more than 200,000 spectators.



Katrina evacuee Autumn Luers-Pereira and Joma Kennedy from Willow Meadows Baptist Church work on an ArtCar. Matt Peters is in the distant background.

Wayland band members amazed by reception in Russia

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Wayland
Baptist
University
band
students
wait for a
tour of
the WWII
war
memorial
in
Moscow.
(Photos
by Hayley
Cox)

Wayland band members amazed by reception in Russia

By Jonathan Petty

Wayland Baptist University

MOSCOW—Wayland Baptist University's Pioneer Band recently traveled to Russia, performing indoor and outdoor concerts in conjunction with the country's Victory Day celebrations.

The band spent four days in Moscow and four in St. Petersburg, performing in three of Europe's top concert halls—the Moscow Conservatory, Tchaikovsky Conservatory and the A Capella Concert Hall in St. Petersburg.

How to help in Indonesia

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How to help in Indonesia

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Baptists worldwide responded to the needs of Indonesians affected by a May 27 earthquake that killed more than 5,500 people.

The Baptist World Alliance dispatched its Rescue24 medical team to meet needs in a region where hospitals are overcrowded.

Baptist World Aid sends team to Indonesia

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By Staff

Texas Baptist Communications

FALLS CHURCH, Va. —Baptist World Aid May has sent its Rescue 24 team of first responders to serve in the wake of an Indonesian earthquake that killed nearly 5,000 people May 27.

The relief arm of the Baptist World Alliance directed a Hungarian Baptist Aid medical team to Yogyakarta, Indonesia, from its post-tsunami ministry in Nias. Another medical team will be there soon. The organization also designated \$20,000 for the relief effort.

Former foster child finds fulfillment as foster mother

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Katina Duprey and her husband, Daniel, and their 2-year-old son, Riley, offer temporary in-home placement for foster children through the STARRY program.

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fulfillment as foster mother

By Miranda Bradley

Children at Heart Ministries

CEDAR PARK—Between running her own in-home daycare and caring for her family, Katina Duprey has a full schedule—so full it makes some people wonder why she would take on extra responsibilities as foster mother to needy children. But Duprey knows exactly why she does it.

Sexual purity song still inspires youth after five years

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By Erin Roach

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Sexual purity has long been important to singer-songwriter Rebecca St. James, and at the fifth anniversary of the release of

her signature single *Wait for Me*, she continues to show young people worldwide how to wait honorably for the spouse God may have for them.

Mural artist puts church's children on Noah's ark

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By Marv Knox

Editor

SAN ANTONIO—Don't be surprised if children who grow up in Trinity Baptist Church know Bible stories and names of animals better than all their friends.

New media introduce Christian music to new markets

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***The Da Vinci Code* based on a hoax, scholars agree**

By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

DALLAS (ABP)—The most debated movie of the year, *The Da Vinci Code*, is built on a premise revealed as a hoax more than 10 years ago, prominent historians, art experts and theologians agree.

World religion study enhances respect

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

ARLINGTON, Va. (ABP)—A new study suggests mandatory teaching about world religions in public schools can increase teenagers' respect for religious freedom and other constitutional rights.

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Texas Baptist Communications

HOUSTON—The Baptist General Convention of Texas has engaged Brownsville attorney Diane Dillard to investigate alleged mishandling of church-starting funds in the Rio Grande Valley.