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of a
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Xianz.com
bills itself
as a
Christian
alternative
to social
networking
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MySpace
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Facebook

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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

DALLAS (ABP)—The Internet can be a scary place, at least for the parents of teenagers flocking to social networking websites like MySpace and Facebook. Teens see them as places to keep up with friends and make new ones online. But many parents imagine only faceless predators trolling chat rooms for unsuspecting teen victims.

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Volunteers for China—a Christian humanitarian organization—needs teachers to serve in a variety of settings this summer.

The China Christian Council English program needs one additional teacher for a team that will provide English instruction to pastors and other church leaders. The volunteers will leave the United States June 27 and return Aug. 6.

Qingdao University in Shandong Province has requested two English teachers for its summer program. Volunteers would need to leave the United States by June 28 in order to begin service July 1. They will return Aug. 17.

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—The Baptist General Convention of Texas' Christian Life Commission set a goal of raising \$750,000 through the Texas Baptist Offering for World Hunger this year.

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By Eric Guel

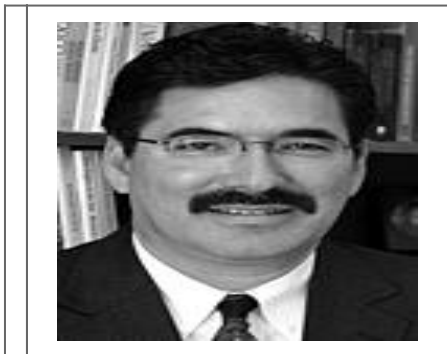
Texas Baptist Communications

HOUSTON—A Fort Worth pastor urged more than 2,500 Hispanic youth and singles at the Texas Baptist Hispanic Youth and Singles Congreso to “get into Jesus.”

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Alcides Guajardo (left), president of the Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas, and Albert Reyes, president of the Baptist University of the Americas, addressed the Texas Baptist Hispanic Youth and Singles Congreso.

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HOUSTON—Hispanic Texas Baptist youth and single young adults have called for immigration reform.

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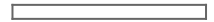
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DALLAS—Twelve children gather in one apartment, shoving, climbing and maneuvering around the table, straining to listen to a couple of college students.

Every week, students from Dallas Baptist University take part in missionary journeys like this one to neighborhood apartments, making a practical difference in children's lives.

"What can you tell me about Egypt?" DBU student Denae Johnson asked, as she held a laptop computer, displaying scenes from her recent trip to the Middle East. Her audience was a dozen youth at an efficiency apartment in Arlington.



Dallas
Baptist
University
students
Megan
Routh
(left) and
Denea
Johnson
share
stories
from the
Bible with
children
at an
Arlington
apartment
complex.

DOWN HOME: Postman delivers tidings of mortality

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Sometimes, our mail carrier is so annoying. If he were a nicer and more thoughtful guy, he would sort through our stack every day and throw away all the junk that obviously doesn't belong in our mailbox.

Come to think of it, he could provide a terrific public service by surveying his route and trashing stuff we don't want. You know what I mean: Flyers for aluminum siding and credit cards and time-share condominiums and alternative sources of essential vitamins and nutrients. The only benefit all this mail provides is the exercise I get by carrying it straight from the mailbox by the front curb to the recycling bin in the garage out back.

Initiating a preemptive strike on junk mail would be nice and good, and I'd appreciate it enormously. Conversely, I'd like to see our postal carrier held personally responsible for delivering malicious, offensive and mean-spirited mail.

EDITORIAL: "Morality" is more than sex we don't do

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‘Morality’ is more than sex we don’t do

The last time we met on this page, we talked about immigration and education. We discussed Texas’ march toward Hispanic-majority status and the necessity of educating Hispanic Texans. Specifically, we looked at two opportunities for improving lives as well as making our state stronger: (a) lowering the Hispanic dropout rate by at least 2 percentage points a year for at least 10 years, and (b) making education at the nine universities affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas accessible to Hispanics.

Elsewhere in that issue of the paper, we reported on how Albert Reyes, president of the Baptist University of the Americas, has called for U.S. immigration policy to reflect Jesus’ demand for justice for all people.



Predictably, some readers appreciated neither the editorial nor Reyes’ remarks. Their complaints followed a familiar theme: The church should take care of poor people, and the state should butt out. Of course, none of the complainers could cite a single church that is providing its prorated share of service to the poor—a proportionate ministry that, if copied by all the other Christian churches in the community, would be sufficient to meet the needs of the very young and very old and the disabled and vulnerable

who live there. None of them offered to demonstrate that they have anted-up tithes-and-offerings sufficient to provide their share of their church's share of all the care they say "the church" is supposed to offer. By the way, I'm batting 1.000 on that request—never have had anyone take me up on it.

Faith-based initiatives director resigns

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—President Bush's lieutenant for promoting government funding for faith-based social programs announced he is leaving his post.

High Pointe responds to community

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BGCT Church Starter Roy Cotton and leaders of High Pointe Baptist Church and the Fellowship at High Pointe examine the demographics of their community.

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CEDAR HILL—The neighborhood around High Pointe Baptist Church is 43 percent African-American, but the church was nearly all Anglo.

Immigration prayer walk set in Wichita Falls

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

WICHITA FALLS—While he believes in the importance of immigration reform, a Wichita Falls pastor doesn't feel the May 1 boycott called for by many Hispanic leaders is the best approach. Instead, he has offered an opportunity for Christians to unite across ethnic and denominational lines for a prayer walk May 6.