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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

DALLAS (ABP)—Three historically African-American Baptist denominations have agreed to raise \$1 billion for ongoing recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

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Pride in possessions

I was a college sophomore when I bought my first car. It was a black 12-year-old '41 Ford. Jones Chevrolet in Center stored it for me eight months while I made the down payment on it. It cost me \$495, and I couldn't wait to drive it home.

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Out ((Loud))

“When my soul was troubled, it was Billy I reached out to for advice, for comfort and for prayer. You could say Bill has been the conscience of our nation and sometimes of the world.”

George H.W. Bush

Former U.S. president, speaking in College Station as he awarded the George Bush Award for Excellence in Public Service to evangelist Billy Graham (Houston Chronicle/RNS)

“Academics often think of conservative Christians as rubes and dupes. The reality is that the real movers and shakers behind the evangelical movement are highly educated, thoughtful people with entrepreneurial skills, wealth and extraordinary management savvy.”

Robert Wuthnow

Professor of social sciences at Princeton University, commenting on a comprehensive study by Michael Lindsay, a sociology doctoral student (Princeton Weekly Bulletin/RNS)

“What many people find disagreeable about the political use of evil is that it’s rooted in self-righteousness on the part of the speaker. It’s saying we’re entirely different from our enemies without any attempt to understand them.”

Robert Gahl

Professor of ethics and morality at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome (RNS)

I painted the dash tomato red and put a wheel cover and steering knob on it before driving it to East Texas Baptist College to show it off. Parking it every day in front of the dining hall assured me that everyone saw it. I was proud of that car!

N.C. Baptists elect new executive director-treasurer

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By Tony Cartledge

N.C. Biblical Recorder

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (ABP)—Milton Hollifield became the 14th executive director-treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention during a special called convention April 11—the first in the convention's history.

Offering changes lives in Thailand

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Rick Burnette, (right) CBF Global Missions field personnel, has been using funds from the 2005 Carter Offering to get residency status for hilltribe immigrants in villages in northern Thailand.

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By Alison Wingfield

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

ATLANTA—The cost of a typical week's grocery bill in the United States was all it took to change a life.

On the move

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- **Ada Ferguson** to First Church in Texarkana as church counselor.
- **Andy Hanson** to Rose Hill Church in Texarkana as minister of youth and education.
- **J.K. Minton** to Central Church in Luling as interim pastor.
- **Kyle Reese** to Hendricks Avenue Church in Jacksonville, Fla., as pastor from First Church in San Angelo.
- **Dave Towns** to Little Deer Creek Church in Chilton as pastor.

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.

Prayer walkers see walls come tumbling down

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Prayer walkers see walls come tumbling down

By George Henson

Staff Writer

AMARILLO—Neal Hughes feels certain about two things: Churches need to be started in multihousing environments, and doing so begins with prayer.

Public prayer in Jesus's name debated

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Evangelist
Franklin
Graham gives
the invocation
at the 2001
inauguration
of President
Bush. His
Christian
prayer on that
occasion
sparked
controversy.
(RNS file
photo/Courtesy
of the Billy
Graham
Evangelistic
Association)

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By Adelle Banks

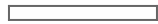
Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Re-tired Army Chaplain David Peterson models how he thinks sensitive Christians should pray in public.

Texas Tidbits

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O'Brien appointed provost and executive VP at Baylor. Baylor University's interim Provost Randall O'Brien has been appointed executive vice president and provost. He had served as interim vice president for academic affairs and provost since last June. O'Brien joined the Baylor religion faculty in 1991 and has been a religion department chair and acting dean of Truett Theological Seminary. He earned degrees from Mississippi College, Yale Divinity School and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is an ordained Baptist minister and has been pastor of three churches and interim pastor at more than a dozen congregations, including Columbus Avenue Baptist Church in Waco, where he currently serves. O'Brien and his wife, Kay, an adjunct professor in Baylor's School of Social Work, have three children—Elise, Shannon and Christopher.

TBM helps West Texas ranchers. Texas Baptist Men volunteers are meeting a ton of needs in West Texas—three tons, in fact. Texas Baptist Men volunteer John LaNoue hauled 6,000 pounds of donated cattle feed to Pampa, where it will be distributed to ranchers who lost much of their

grass to recent wildfires. Members of First Baptist Church in Pampa helped unload the cattle feed and will distribute it. LaNoue, who delivered the feed on his way to preach at a revival at First Baptist Church in Wheeler, said the trip was perfectly timed by God. He was able to bring supplies to people who need and enable Baptists in Pampa to share the gospel by distributing those supplies.

TOGETHER: Faithful servants, doing God's work

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Last week, I spent time with ministers of education and administration at their annual retreat in Salado. These men and women carry crucial staff assignments, serving at the nerve center of our churches. Generally, they take off the pastor's shoulders many of the organizational and educational details that otherwise would consume much time and energy.

I consider them gifted and godly friends and colleagues in ministry who play an often-unnoticed and sometimes-under-appreciated role. They have a special calling, and they need the faithful prayers of their congregations.



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Their assignment—to provide lay-led Bible study—helps the church do all its work more than any other ministry or organization I know.

Cybercolumn By John Duncan: Ascension gifts

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CYBER COLUMN: Ascension gifts

By John Duncan

I'm sitting here under the old oak tree, thinking about the ascension of

Christ. “Ascending” sounds like something you do when you climb a ladder. “Ascending” sounds like an eagle riding the wind to new heights. “Ascending” is what my middle daughter did when she was young when she climbed on top of the refrigerator.

The thrill of Christmas and Easter buzz like sirens around the church and even in the world. Rightly so, because, as Christians, we circle those dates on the calendar and celebrate them in the glory of Christ. Ah, what glory it is! The poet Gerard Manley Hopkins once said, “Glory be to God for dappled things.” I looked up “dappled” in the dictionary. It means to mark with different colors. Christmas and Easter add color to the Christian calendar, the church and the Christian life. Where would we be without those dappled things? And, how drab and dull and colorless our lives would be without Christ in Christmas and Easter?

John Duncan

BaptistWay Bible Series for May 7: Behaving nobly in a dog-eat- dog world

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BaptistWay Bible Series for May 7

Behaving nobly in a dog-eat-dog world

• 1 Samuel 24:2-15; 26:6-12

By Joseph Matos

Family Bible Series for May 7: There is no substitute for caring for one another

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Family Bible Series for May 7

There is no substitute for caring for one another

• Ruth 1:15-17; 2:2-7, 10-12; 4:13-17

By Greg Ammons