

On the Move

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- **Jacob Benson** to First Church in Waxahachie as minister to students.
 - **Paul Brand** to Bulverde Church in Bulverde as youth minister.
 - **Mark Bryant** to First Church in Wimberley as pastor.
 - **Fernando Charles** has resigned as pastor of Primera Iglesia in San Marcos.
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PRAY WITHOUT CEASING: Intercession aside, do Baptists have a prayer?

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Intercession aside, do Baptists have a prayer?

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

Baptists understand numbers. That's how churches measure success in baptisms, Bible study attendance, budget giving and building campaigns.

But for all their talk about the importance of prayer, Baptists seem less certain how to measure the effectiveness of prayer ministries.

A member of Iglesia Bautista Segunda in Corpus Christi bows for prayer.

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Texas Baptist Men Builders constructed a worship facility for Mill Creek Baptist Church in Bellville, a congregation that has existed 10 years without a permanent place to call home.
(Photos by George Henson)

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

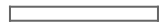
BELLVILLE—Harkening to the past promises growth for the future of a congregation looking to put down its roots.

Mill Creek Baptist Church never has had a place to call home.

Texas Tidbits

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Texas Tidbits

DBU offers Patriot Preview event. [Dallas Baptist University](#) is offering a look at campus life during a Patriot Preview event Feb. 10 for high school juniors and seniors, college transfer students and their parents. The Patriot Preview begins at 8:30 a.m. with a breakfast with DBU professors. Prospective students then will be given the opportunity to attend mock classes and interview for scholarships. For parents, Patriot Weekend will feature information seminars on topics such as financial aid, campus life, parent services, and the application process, plus the chance to meet DBU administrators. The weekend event also will include a student-life fair. DBU will waive the application fee for students who apply during Patriot Weekend. The cost for the event is \$25, which includes two meals for both students and parents. For more information about Patriot Weekend, students or parents may contact the office of undergraduate admissions at (214) 333-5360, or register online at www.dbu.edu/patriotday.

Baylor regents approve practice facility. At a called meeting, the [Baylor](#)

[University](#) board of regents unanimously adopted a proposal to construct an on-campus football training facility. The \$22 million facility, which is being funded with private resources, likely will be located adjacent to Baylor's other athletics facilities at the Turner Riverfront Complex. Games will continue to be played at Floyd Casey Stadium. Construction of the practice facility will take about 18 months. A final review of the project plans and specifications has been scheduled for the Feb. 8-9 regents meeting.

Theologians debate if the Trinity teaches lessons about gender roles

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By Adelle M. Banks

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—For centuries, theologians have debated the Holy

Trinity. For decades, evangelical Christians have argued over proper roles for men and women. Now, the two fights are merging into one.

Some scholars, drawing support from their interpretations of the Bible, link a belief that women should be submissive to men with a belief that Jesus is eternally subordinate to God the Father.

Tulsa churches promise to pray around the clock all year long for their city, state

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By Bill Sherman

Religion News Service

TULSA, Okla. (RNS)—As Oklahoma enters its centennial year, two dozen Tulsa-area churches have joined together to pray for the state and the city around the clock for the entire year.

Some of Tulsa's largest churches, from several denominations, are participating in the 24-7 prayer cycle.

UMHB students put feet to their prayers in the streets of Tokyo

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Four
Japanese
students in
school
uniforms
asked to have
their picture
taken with
Jennifer
Jendrusch as
University of
Mary Hardin-
Baylor
students went
on a
prayerwalk
through a
Tokyo
subway.

UMHB students put feet to their prayers in the streets of Tokyo

By Jennifer Sicking

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

BELTON—A group of [University of Mary Hardin-Baylor](#) students recently put feet to their prayers in one of the world's largest cities.

Four students journeyed to Tokyo, Japan, as part of [Go Now Missions](#). In addition to sharing Christ through Christmas music and English practice,

they also participated in prayerwalking.

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BaptistWay Bible Series for February 11: Jesus lays down

his life for his followers

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BaptistWay Bible Series for February11

Jesus lays down his life for his followers

• John 19:13-30

By David Wilkinson

Explore the Bible Series for February 11: Service is sometimes risky business

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Explore the Bible Series for February 11

Service is sometimes risky business

- Esther 3:2,5-6; 4:5, 8-16

By Howard Anderson

Diversified Spiritual Associates, San Antonio

Haman was made grand vizier, and all lesser officials were required to bow to him. Mordecai was a Benjaminite, and he was loyal to God, so he refused to honor a descendant of Agag, king of Amalek, Israel's bitter enemy.

CYBER COLUMN by Brett Younger: Jesus' Church

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CYBER COLUMN: Jesus' Church

By Brett Younger

In Fort Worth, [Grace Country Cowboy Church](#) began four years ago. Or as they put it, "a posse was formed." They're trying to reach out to cowboys and cowgirls who wouldn't attend the average church. The church welcomes anyone who enjoys old-time country music. They promise to

“boot scoot for Jesus and two-step on the devil.”

In Mayfield, Ky., boaters gather at Kentucky Lake every Sunday morning. They worship on the floating pavilion next to the marina restaurant. The pastor must be tempted to preach on fishers of men every service.

Brett Younger

Explore the Bible Series for February 4: When Life Turns Upside Down

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Explore the Bible Series for February 4

When Life Turns Upside Down

- Esther 2:5-10, 16-17, 21-23

By Howard Anderson

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Mordecai and his family including Esther faced unavoidable changes. Esther most likely had no choice in becoming a candidate for queen, but

she chose to make a positive adjustment to this new challenge and won the favor of the official in charge of the process. King Ahasuerus made Esther his queen, and she used her position to give a warning from Mordecai that enabled the king to thwart a royal assassination plot

When life turns upside down the Christian is encouraged to trust God in the midst of trials and tribulations. We can trust God completely in life's situations by accepting unavoidable changes, by adjusting to new challenges, and by availing yourself of opportunities. When life turns upside down it is better to be with God, than to have life right side up without God.



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Accept Unavoidable Changes (Est. 2:5-7)

“Mordecai” was taken to Shushan, the winter capital of Persia, but Daniel and Ezekiel remained in Babylon. The name Mordecai is related to the name of Marduk, the principal Babylonian deity. Here he is called “a certain Jew,” proving that the term is used of any Israelite from any tribe and not Judah only. “Shimel” may refer to the man from the family of Saul who cursed David (2 Sam. 16:5-13). “Kish” may be the father of Saul (1 Sam. 9:1-2). If these figures are the ones intended, they are Mordecai’s remote ancestors from the tribe of Benjamin.