

# Explore the Bible Series for January 28: It is important to keep commitments

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**Explore the Bible Series for January 28**

## It is important to keep commitments

- Nehemiah 13:1-18

**By Howard Anderson**

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Nehemiah left Jerusalem in the 32nd year of Artaxerxes, circa 433 B.C., and returned to Persia as he promised. During his absence, the people returned to their former ways, led by the high priest Eliashib. Such a defection called for the needed reforms.

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**Belmont subpoenas church**

# records in Tennessee Baptist lawsuit

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## Belmont subpoenas church records in Tennessee Baptist lawsuit

**By Lonnie Wilkey**

*Tennessee Baptist & Reflector*

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (ABP)—Belmont University has subpoenaed giving records from 100 Tennessee Baptist Convention churches in an ongoing legal dispute with the convention over control of the school's assets.

The subpoena asks for records on churches' giving to the Cooperative Program—the unified budget of the Southern Baptist Convention and its affiliated state conventions—between 1951, when the school became affiliated with the convention, and 2005, when Belmont trustees removed the school from convention control.

In a Jan. 3 letter accompanying the subpoenas, Belmont trustee chairman Marty Dickens asked if, “in making those gifts, the churches knew about or relied upon the 1951 document that is the focus of the (Tennessee Baptist) Executive Board's lawsuit against Belmont.”

The reference was to a once-forgotten document convention officials are relying on in the suit, filed last year. The agreement says that, should the school ever remove itself from convention control, it would owe the

convention for all the Cooperative Program funds it has received.

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# **Carter, Clinton use convocation to call Baptists to compassion**

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## **Carter, Clinton use convocation to call Baptists to compassion**

*By Marv Knox & Greg Warner*

ATLANTA—Baptists from across North America will convene in Atlanta early next year to emphasize compassion rather than the racial, theological and social conflict that has divided them for 160 years.

Headed by former U.S presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton—two of the world’s most famous Baptist laymen—about 80 leaders of 40 Baptist organizations gathered at the [Carter Center](#) in Atlanta Jan. 9 to announce the Celebration of a New Baptist Covenant. The event is tentatively set for Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2008.

The convocation will be “one of the most historic events, at least in the history of Baptists in this country, maybe Christianity,” Carter predicted.

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# Explore the Bible Series for January 21: Every person is intimately known by God

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**Explore the Bible Series for January 21**

# Every person is intimately known by God

- Psalm 139:1-24

**By Howard Anderson**

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Psalm 139 is attributed to David and describes the attributes of the Lord not as abstract qualities, but as active qualities by which he relates himself to his people. God's omniscience, omnipresence and omnipotence allow him to know everything about us.

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## Cybercolumn by Jinny Henson: Resolutions

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### CYBER COLUMN: Resolutions

**By Jinny Henson**

Reaping the punishment of my Christmas cookie metabolism

experiment—you know the one, where you see if eating 40 cookies really does make your pants any tighter—I wrapped up the last ornament, stripped the front door of her garland and laid to rest the pillaged Greenburg turkey carcass in a terrier-proof zip lock bag. Christmas, indeed, was over for another year.

With the simple flip of the calendar from December to January, I find myself on the threshold again. Measurer by nature, I glance over my shoulder at who I was this past 12 months and contemplate what I could be in the next. With each New Year comes the patina of potential covering the lens of my perception, and it is with the bolstered vision, I resolve.

Jinny Henson
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# **BaptistWay Bible Series for January 21: In good times and bad, Jesus is there**

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for January 21**

# **In good times and bad, Jesus is there**

• John 14:1-11, 15-18, 25-27

**By David Wilkinson**

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## **Bible Studies for Life Series for January 14: Sin has far- reaching consequences**

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### **Sin has far-reaching consequences**

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## **What is human life worth?**

- Genesis 9:5-6; Psalm 139:13-16; Proverbs 1:10-11,15-16,18; 24:10-12

**By Kenneth Lyle**

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# **Explore the Bible Series for January 14: Hearing God's word brings revival, worship**

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**[Explore the Bible Series for January 14](#)**

## **Hearing God's word brings revival, worship**

- Nehemiah 8:1-18; 9:1-37; 9:38-10:39

**By Howard Anderson**

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The first day of the seventh month was a day of convocation. The Water Gate became the place of cleansing by the refreshing power of God's word.

The effect of the word was revival and keeping of the Feast of Tabernacles. Reading, hearing, believing, obeying the word brought spiritual revival with humiliation, self-judgment, confession and true worship. The renewed covenant ushered a commitment to support God's house and a rededication to live according to God's word and to pursue his purposes.



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# **Kokomo church rises from ashes, celebrates centennial**

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

GORMAN—Kokomo Baptist Church found plenty of reasons to rejoice two

weeks before Christmas, as members belatedly celebrated the church's centennial and dedicated new facilities, completed less than a year after its previous building burned in a wildfire.

Worshippers packed the sanctuary for the dedication of the new building, with former members and pastors returning to be part of the celebration. Old friends reconnected, and old memories were revisited, participants said.

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## **Missouri Baptist leaders approve team to investigate executive**

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### **Missouri Baptist leaders approve team to investigate executive**

**By Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ABP)—In a sign of continuing turmoil within the Missouri Baptist Convention, the body's Executive Board has appointed a committee to investigate their embattled executive director.

The group also discussed allegations that a four-year-old church in St. Louis, supported by a convention loan, is encouraging alcohol consumption.