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**By Craig Bird**

*Baptist Child & Family Services*

KINGWOOD—Paige Maupin played the numbers—10 days, 6,500 miles one way, 800 patients, 24 professions of faith, two remote villages and one life changed forever—her own.

Maupin, a member of First Baptist Church of Kingwood, near Houston, joined a recent [Children's Emergency Relief International](#) medical missions team to Nigeria. The trans-Atlantic journey challenged her, since she can "count on the fingers of one hand" the number of times she has flown on an airplane and had "never imagined going to another country to serve God," even for a few days, she said.

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(CERI  
photos)

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Juvencio and  
Martina Garcia  
and youngest son,  
Marcos, 2, survey  
the construction  
of their new home.  
(Photos by Analiz  
Gonzalez/Buckner)

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**By Analiz González**

*Buckner International*

ELSA—Martina García wanted to live, and she asked God for life. But if she couldn't have that, she made one request—that God would give her family a home.

For 12 years the García family lived in a bus in Elsa, a small community northeast of McAllen. When they moved in, there was no electricity or water. They had to go to a friend's house to shower and cool off from the South Texas heat. Then they carried back buckets to wash clothes and dirty dishes.



The bus where the Garcias lived before their house was completed.

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

DALLAS—First Lady Laura Bush urged Americans to engage and encourage young people in the United States during a regional Helping America's Youth conference held at [Dallas Baptist University](#).

Saying today's youth face more challenges than previous generations, Bush called the country's adults to provide positive examples for youth.

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(Photo  
courtesy  
of DBU)

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*Associated Baptist Press*

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP)—Although the full Southern Baptist Convention is the only group with the power to unseat a trustee of one of its agencies, the International Mission Board's attorney said the board has legal power to effectively bar the participation of trustee Wade Burleson.

Derek Gaubatz, the IMB's general counsel, said: "Any board has the ability ... to regulate how it will conduct itself. And anybody, including the International Mission Board ... has the power to take measures that it thinks will help it function most effectively as a deliberative body."

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## **BaptistWay Bible Series for**

# November 18: Live like this

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for November 18**

## Live like this

- Romans 12:9-18; 13:1-14

[By Andrew Daugherty](#)

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# Explore the Bible Series for November 11: The call to be Jesus

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**Explore the Bible Series for November 11**

## The call to be Jesus

- Matthew 19:1-15

[By Travis Frampton](#)

*Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene*

A couple of years ago, I received a phone call late Friday afternoon, before leaving from work to head home for the weekend. It was a friend from church.

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*Associated Baptist Press*

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (ABP)—In a rare move, trustees of a Southern Baptist Convention agency voted to censure one of their own and effectively bar him from carrying out the duties of his office.

However, reform-minded Oklahoma pastor Wade Burleson has vowed to continue doing the job to which his fellow Southern Baptists elected him. And he defended his right to dissent, saying he will continue to offer a respectful critique of some International Mission Board policies.

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IMB  
trustee  
chairman  
John Floyd  
(right)  
talks with  
trustee  
Wade  
Burleson  
after the  
board's  
meeting in  
Springfield,  
Ill., Nov. 7.  
Trustees  
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and  
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him from  
four  
meetings  
for  
violations  
of the  
trustee  
code of  
conduct.  
(BP Photo)

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# **Bible Studies for Life Series for November 11: The cure for anxious care**

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**Bible Studies for Life Series for November 11**

## **The cure for anxious care**

- Matthew 6:19-34

**[By Steve Dominy](#)**

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# **Missouri convention rejects candidates backed by fundamentalist group**

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# Missouri convention rejects candidates backed by fundamentalist group

By **Bill Webb**

*Word & Way*

OSAGE BEACH, Mo. (ABP)—For the first time in eight years, messengers to the Missouri Baptist Convention annual meeting have rejected a slate of officer candidates allied with an organized fundamentalist organization.

Meeting at a resort on the state's Lake of the Ozarks, messengers did an abrupt about-face, overwhelmingly rejecting four officer nominees closely identified with Project 1000. The effort, almost a decade old, had been a successful strategy for fundamentalists to take control of the state convention.

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## Foreclosure narrowly averted on former Windermere acreage

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**By Vicki Brown**

*Associated Baptist Press*

CAMDENTON, Mo. (ABP)—A refinancing agreement with a bank means private development will move forward on land adjacent to Missouri Baptists' Windermere Baptist Conference Center.

Corporate representative Jerry Hill confirmed a foreclosure notice has been served on Windermere Development Company, Inc., owners of 941 acres that once belonged to Windermere Baptist Conference Center. The center occupies valuable land on a cove of the Lake of the Ozarks, a popular resort destination in south-central Missouri.

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## **BWA leader urges U.S. Baptists to cooperate**

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**By Trennis Henderson**

*Kentucky Western Recorder*

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky. (ABP)—Declaring that “the mission of God in this century of glorious mission opportunity needs as much unity as possible,” Baptist World Alliance President David Coffey is calling on his Baptist brethren in America to set aside their differences, for Christ’s sake.

Coffey, who was elected in 2005 to a five-year term as BWA president, recently made a tour of the United States. He retired last year after 15 years as general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

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Messengers to  
the Baptist  
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Convention of  
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meeting vote  
by raising their  
ballot packets.  
(PHOTO/Robert  
Rogers/Baylor  
University)

## **First woman BGCT president elected, budget approved**

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

MARILLO—Messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting narrowly elected the first woman president of the state convention—and continued a two-decade string of officers endorsed by the moderate Texas Baptists Committed organization.

By about a two-to-one margin, messengers approved a \$50.1 million Cooperative Program budget, and they overwhelmingly rebuffed a move to consider a “no-confidence” vote in the BGCT Executive Board. They also approved creation of a committee to recommend a “shared vision” for the convention—but without the 2008 completion deadline or the 2020 target goal proposed by the original maker of the motion.



Joy Fenner presides over a session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting in her capacity as first vice president. She was elected the convention's first female president in Amarillo.

(PHOTO/Robert Rogers/Baylor University)