

KidsHeart provides a new home for the Requenas

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Men from First, College Station, swarmed the Requena's 600 square-foot home in Lasara. The team of seven was working to repair years of neglect in the elderly couple's home in just a few days.

(Photos by Russ Dilday/Buckner)

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By Jenny Pope

Buckner International

LASARA—The first thing a visitor notices on the Requena home is the stench. It's a mix between mildew, sewage and old age. Children walk in and out, watching television on the couch in the dark living room. Fleas and gnats swarm.

Victor Requena Jr. stands in the front yard among three stray dogs and surveys the team of seven men swarming his parent's home in the Lasara colonia. Two are hammering nails on the roof, two are cutting wood, two more are ripping out plumbing and one lone man carries supplies.



Victor Requena Jr.
surveys the work crew
at his parents' home in
Lasara.

Cybercolumn by Brett Younger:

Shear Luck

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CYBER COLUMN: Shear Luck

By Brett Younger

When we moved to Fort Worth, and I had to find a new barber, I could picture exactly the kind of barbershop I need—a red and white barber pole, \$10 haircuts, 10-year-old copies of Field and Stream, a cash register that rings, pocket knives for sale, country music on the radio. The kind of barbershop where only men would be found. My dream barbershop is Floyd's in Mayberry.

The moment I walked in, I knew my new barbershop was perfect. The head of a 16-point buck hung on one wall, and the Ten Commandments on another. There were five chairs for three barbers—all of whom were older than my dad. Guys with less hair than a peach hung around all day. Gomer could walk in at any minute.

Brett Younger

Baptist World Aid issues appeal for South Asia

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—With up to 20 million people affected by the floods in South Asia, [Baptist World Aid](#), the relief and development arm of the [Baptist World Alliance](#), issued an appeal for funds to provide help.

Floods have devastated parts of Nepal, India and Bangladesh. BWAid sent initial grants of \$5,000 each to the Bengal Baptist Union and the Bengal Orissa Bihar Baptist Churches Association in India.

The annual monsoon often brings flooding to these countries, but this year's rainfall has been well in excess of normal. Some experts comment that the flooding could be far worse than the record-breaking floods of 1988 and 1998.

“It is the poor who suffer so much in these situations,” BWAid Director Paul Montacute said. “The poor live on low lying ground or on land that is easily swept away as waters descend from the mountains.”

History conference draws wide array of Baptists to celebrate diversity

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. (ABP)—Perhaps the most notable thing about the recent “Baptist History Celebration,” held in the mother church of Southern Baptists, is that it happened at all.

But historians from an astonishing array of Baptist groups—liberal, conservative, fundamentalist, moderate, African-American, Caucasian, Latino, Northern, Southern, Calvinist and Arminian—gathered at the First Baptist Church of Charleston, S.C., to celebrate and learn more about the diversity they say has characterized the Baptist movement in the United States.

Moment of silence case indicates importance of teacher training, CLC director says

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—A case challenging the moment of silence in schools illustrates the need for training teachers on how to handle issues dealing with religion in schools, according to the director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Christian Life Commission.

David Wallace Croft is suing Gov. Rick Perry and the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District in an effort to end the minute of silence. He argues it is unconstitutional because it amounts to the state endorsing prayer.

BaptistWay Bible Series for August 19: Weeping in the night

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Weeping in the night

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[By Corey Cornutt](#)

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Explore the Bible Series for August 19: Living in covenant relationship

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Living in covenant relationship

- Malachi 2:1-16

[By Kathryn Aragon](#)

First Baptist Church, Duncanville

There is no greater bond than covenant relationship. Although we see many depictions of this relationship throughout the Old Testament, none is greater than the covenant of salvation.

Effective children's ministry more than numbers

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By Robert Dilday

Virginia Religious Herald

An effective children's ministry is more than an appendage to a congregation's programming: It's an integral part of a church's mission and vision, children's ministry leaders say.

Although it's tempting to evaluate the success of children's ministry by the numbers—attendance or professions of faith in Christ, for instance—other ways sometimes are more effective, the leaders report.

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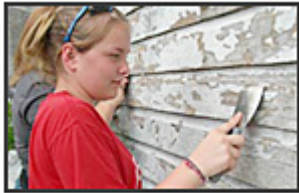


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Young women challenged to live the “amazing life” on mission with God

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Participants at
Blume—formerly
known as the
National
Acteens
Convention—
sing praises to
God.

Young women challenged to live the ‘amazing life’ on mission with God

By **Julie Walters**

Woman’s Missionary Union

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—More than 3,000 teenaged and collegiate young women were challenged to live “the amazing life” during Blume, a missions event sponsored by national [Woman’s Missionary Union](#).

Texas had the largest representation of any state at the event—formerly known as the National Acteens Convention—with 349 participants.



National Acteens

Panelists—including Tiffany Clark of First Baptist Church in Humble (2nd from left) share their personal prayer and challenge with Blume participants during the opening session of the missions meeting. Other panelists pictured are (left to right) Juliana Robbins of Calvary Baptist Church in Waynesboro, Tenn.; Brittany Burdine of University Hills Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.; and Tara Hammett of First Baptist Church, Minden, La.

Store offers help for needy and youth ministry

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Sherri Manning (left), manager of the Agape Thrift Store in Evant, visits with volunteer Carolyn Huncke.

Store offers help for needy and youth ministry

By Whitney Farr

Communications Intern

EVANT—Coffee addicts might not mind paying \$4 for a frappe, but Agape Thrift Store in Evant sold a brand new espresso machine for a mere three bucks.

Coffee drinkers may not be the only ones paying too much. Every item in Agape is sold for \$1, unless otherwise marked.

