

# Texas Tidbits

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**Scholarships awarded to two All-State musicians.** The Baptist General Convention of Texas recently awarded its first Texas Baptist All-State Choir and Band college scholarships to two students—Whitney Newman of Frisco and Camille Hurst of Midlothian. Newman will attend Baylor University this fall. At Frisco High School, she was a member of the varsity track, softball, wrestling and cheerleading teams. She also was a four-year member of the All-Region Band and Orchestra and was named first chair French horn player for the Texas All-State Band. Newman also served more than 200 community service hours, including work through First Baptist Church in Frisco. Hurst will attend Hardin-Simmons University this fall. At Midlothian High School, she was involved in the student council, a cappella choir, concert choir and was a National Merit Commended Scholar. She was a first chair member of the All Region Choir and was a member of the All-State Treble Choir. Hurst participated in numerous mission trips, served the homeless at Dallas Life Foundation and ministered through Project PROMISE (People Recognizing Others' Misfortunes Thus Inspiring Social Equality).

**Board nominating committee meeting set.** The committee to nominate Executive Board directors for the Baptist General Convention of Texas will meet Aug. 16 at 10 a.m. in the Landes A Conference Room of the Baptist Building, 333 N. Washington, Dallas. Vice Chair, Dan Curry, pastor of

South Oaks Baptist Church in Arlington will preside.

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# **TOGETHER: Jesus' agenda still the answer today**

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## **TOGETHER: Jesus' agenda still the answer today**

When you go to church on Sunday morning, do you expect to hear from Jesus as to how he sees the world and what he plans to do about it?

On a Sabbath morning long ago, Jesus showed up for church in his hometown. The elders handed him the scroll, and he rolled it out to the place where Isaiah was celebrating Jubilee, rehearsing with his hearers, "that the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations" (61:11). "For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity. In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an everlasting covenant with them" (61:8).

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But Jesus honed in on the opening lines, boldly applying them to himself, and revealed to those who eagerly listened how he understood himself and what he knew he had come to do.

Let's take time to hear again: "The Spirit of the sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

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# **TV ministries not just for televangelists**

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# TV ministries not just for televangelists

**By Deborah Potter**

*Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly*

LAS VEGAS (RNS)—Television ministry used to be the province of a few prominent preachers like Pat Robertson and the late Jerry Falwell. But the business—and it is big business—definitely has come of age.

At this year's [National Association of Broadcasters](#) convention, the “technologies for worship” pavilion drew hundreds of religious broadcasters, and they are only part of the picture. Industry leaders say there are 10,000 TV ministries around the country, both big and small.



Participants  
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# **Cybercolumn by Berry D. Simpson: Small voice**

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# CYBER COLUMN:

## Small voice

The other Sunday morning, I told my adult Bible study class this story from our recent family reunion vacation to Northern New Mexico:

We drove into Camp Oro Quay, east of Albuquerque, late Friday night, only to discover one missing suitcase. I'd left Cyndi's suitcase in Angel Fire earlier that morning. Cyndi was pretty upset about it, but I couldn't tell whether she was more upset at me for not loading the suitcase, or at herself for not checking to make sure it was loaded, or at the fact it was so late at night and she wasn't asleep yet and now she had this to worry about.

Berry D. Simpson
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I knew I'd loaded everything that was outside in the driveway beside my pickup, but I had no memory of seeing another suitcase anywhere.

When we went to bed, the communal thought was that Cyndi and I would drive back up to Angel Fire to get the suitcase Sunday morning after putting Drew and Katie on the airplane in Albuquerque, then drive back to Midland by way of Clayton and Amarillo. It would add about five hours to our drive home.

So we went to bed. I slept well for the first two-thirds of the night, but about 4, I woke up, fretting about the missing suitcase. I was worried about Cyndi not having a good time with her family while wearing the same clothes over and over. Some people in her family are always leaving things behind: bags, important papers, money, bills, checkbooks, car keys; I knew Cyndi didn't want to be included in that group. And I didn't want people to

think I was forgetful way, either. Of course, I had my clothes.

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# Some Christian readers bewitched by Potter, wild about Harry

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## Some Christian readers bewitched by Potter, wild about Harry

**By Matt Kennedy**

*Associated Baptist Press*

DALLAS (ABP)—J.K. Rowling isn't likely to repeat John Lennon's mistake. She probably won't compare the record-setting popularity of her Harry Potter books to that of Jesus Christ, but the global reach of the title character's adventures is undeniable.

The last book in the series by British author Rowling is currently the best-selling book in the world. The seven-book series has sold an amazing 325 million copies worldwide since 1997, making it the biggest children's book series ever.

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## **RIGHT or WRONG? Gambling**

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## **RIGHT or WRONG? Gambling**

**My husband won a trip to Las Vegas. If we set a strict limit on how much money we bet, would it be wrong if we gambled a little bit while we are there?**

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## **BGCT presidential election will make historyâ€"regardless**

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# **BGCT presidential election will make history—regardless**

**By Marv Knox & Ken Camp**

*Baptist Standard*

Whatever the outcome, the 2007 Baptist General Convention of Texas presidential race will be historic.

Texas Baptists will elect their first female president, or they will choose their first president not endorsed by Texas Baptists Committed in more than 20 years.

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## **Rising evangelical star Jason Christy leaves trail of fraud, associates say**

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## **Rising evangelical star Jason Christy leaves trail of fraud, associates say**

*By Hannah Elliott*

## **Associated Baptist Press**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (ABP)—When young, charismatic Christian publisher [Jason Christy](#) was tapped two years ago to lead the powerful Christian Coalition, the group’s leaders praised him for his ability “to inspire and encourage people of faith to action.” But Christy’s business dealings—both before and after his one-month affiliation with the Coalition—instead have inspired former customers and co-workers to file lawsuits charging Christy with defrauding their Christian businesses.

Christy, 36, who apparently had no previous public-policy experience, persuaded the Christian Coalition in 2005 to place him in one of the most visible and powerful positions in evangelical life. But before the coalition’s leaders officially turned over the reins of their 1.2 million-member national lobbying group, they learned of a trail of legal and financial problems that has followed Christy from coast to coast.



Jason Christy  
with Paul  
Crouch Jr.,  
vice president  
of  
administration  
for Trinity  
Broadcasting  
Network, who  
has called him  
“the right man  
at the right  
time for  
Christian  
grass-roots  
activism.”

Others accuse  
him of  
defrauding  
Christian  
businesses.

Photos of  
Christy with  
other  
evangelical,  
media and  
political  
celebrities are  
on *The  
Church  
Report's*  
website [here](#).

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# **BaptistWay Bible Series for August 12: Faith not dependent on circumstance**

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for August 12**

## **Faith not dependent on circumstance**

- Habakkuk 3:1-2, 12-19

[By Kade Curry](#)

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# **Bible Studies for Life Series for August 12: Handling discouragement**

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## **Bible Studies for Life Series for August 12**

# **Handling discouragement**

- 1 Kings 19:1-13a; 15-18

[By David Harp](#)

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# **Explore the Bible Series for August 12: Worship guided by love**

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## **Explore the Bible Series for August 12**

# **Worship guided by love**

- Malachi 1:1-14

[By Kathryn Aragon](#)

*First Baptist Church, Duncanville*

In the mid-1300s, the Black Death spread across Asia and Europe, killing approximately 75 million people, perhaps two-thirds of the population at

that time. It was a viral wave that crashed into two continents, changing the world forever. Imagine for a moment how the world might have changed if it had been an epidemic of love instead of an epidemic of death.