

Explore the Bible Series for July 29: Zechariah calls us to integrity

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Zechariah calls us to integrity

- Zechariah 7:1-14

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This week's lesson takes us out of the realm of God's grace, out of the scope of service and traditions, and reminds us that all these things mean nothing if they aren't inspired by pure love for God.

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Football trip focuses more on winning souls than on winning games

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Howard
Payne
University's
football
team meets
with a team
from
Finland
during a trip
to
Scandinavia.

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By Abram Choate

Howard Payne University

BROWNWOOD—Howard Payne University's football team scored big on a recent 10-day trip to Sweden and Finland, but the victories that meant the most didn't happen on the gridiron.

The Howard Payne Yellow Jackets defeated the Swedish team, Tyresö Royal Crowns, 41-7, and the Finland Junior National Team, 68-0. But what mattered more to the Howard Payne athletes was having opportunities to share their lives and their Christian testimonies with European football players and fans.



Joey Renner carries the ball during one HPU's games in Scandinavia.

Late-in-life parents count their blessings, beginning with their son

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By Rebekah Hardage

Communications Intern

GARLAND—Greg and Lisa Ammons couldn't believe it. After being told 18 years earlier that they were infertile, they learned they finally were going to have a baby.

The couple grew up in Boswell, Okla., and the childhood sweethearts married in 1985. Ammons, now pastor of First Baptist Church in Garland, was in seminary at that time, and it seemed like a good idea to wait before expanding their family.

Greg and Lisa Ammons with son Camden.

Cybercolumn by Brett Younger: Walking in someone else's flip flops

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CYBER COLUMN:

Walking in someone else's flip flops

By Brett Younger

The camp newspaper's list of "Rejected Camp Themes for 2007" included: "Discovering Your Inner Samson," "Find the Meaning of Life in Your Own Pockets," "Near-Death Experience Week" and "Old-Fashioned Week O' Bible Sword Drills."

The theme of youth camp for me is usually something like: "The Crippling Effects of Sleep Deprivation," "Five Days without Dress Shoes" or "Much Too Young to Feel This Old."

Brett Younger

Baylor studentâs Middle East mission a lifetime in the making

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WACO—Sara Phillips has embarked this summer on a journey that she has been preparing for her whole life—missions in the Middle East.

The winding path Phillips has followed has led her to a place where she believes God has been calling her all along. “God had missions written all over me since he first claimed me,” Phillips said.

World Changers bridge generation gap with a helping hand

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DALLAS—Clareissa Collins' home of 50 years is full of good memories. This summer, it is getting a facelift from some young people almost a third her age, and she couldn't be more excited.

The volunteers are a part of the World Changers program, which gives students the opportunity to step out of their comfort zones and into low-income areas for a week to offer help. About 150 young people from Missouri, Georgia, Alabama, Illinois and throughout Texas served in the Dallas area.

Will
Barker
from
Fort
Worth
works
with
World
Changers
on a
home in
Dallas.
(Photos
by
Rebekah
Hardage)

BGCT jumpstarts evangelism efforts, releases plans for “Engage”

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By Barbara Bedrick

Texas Baptist Communications

The Baptist General Convention of Texas will resurrect its statewide evangelism conference next winter.

The event, called Engage, will be held at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall Jan. 13-15, BGCT evangelism leader Jon Randles announced.

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(DALLAS)—For the fifteenth consecutive year, *U.S. News & World Report* has designated Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas among the nation's top 50 hospitals in its 2007 "[America's Best Hospitals](#)" issue.

Baylor Dallas ranked among the nation's best hospitals in seven of 16 specialty areas—digestive disorders (31st), endocrinology (31st), gynecology (28th), kidney disease (29th), orthopedics (23rd), respiratory disorders (33rd) and urology (44th).

Additionally, Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation ranked 15th among the nation's top rehabilitation facilities. Baylor Rehab has been recognized in the rehabilitation category 10 years.

Baylor Dallas and Baylor Rehab are two of 173 hospitals nationally to be ranked in the magazine's 18th annual "America's Best Hospitals" issue, released July 16th.

Philanthropic Texas Baptist family issues challenge for BJC campaign

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A prominent family of Texas Baptist philanthropists has given a big boost—and a challenge—to the campaign to create a permanent home for the [Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty](#).

BJC Executive Director Brent Walker announced June 29 that the Baugh family had given \$500,000 to boost the group's campaign to build the Center for Religious Liberty on Capitol Hill.

Sports camp gives children

hope

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Park
Cities
CHAMPS
camp
staff
directs
his
camper
to the
Bible
verse for
the
night's
devotion.
(Photos
by
Jessica
Dooley)

Sports camp gives children hope

By Jessica Dooley

Communications Intern

DALLAS—Two years ago, when Michal Powell was tutoring students

through Buckner International’s Kids Hope USA program at Dan D. Rodgers Elementary School, she met an 11-year-old boy named Gabriel. He lived in a two-bedroom apartment complex with his mother, father, grandfather, 8-year-old twin siblings, three brothers, and 16-year-old sister and her 2-year-old son.

“Leaving the school after one of our sessions, I was struck by two things,” said Powell, a member of Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas. “First, I was amazed at how very similar Gabriel was to my own sons.



SMU football player Caleb Peveto takes time to explain skills of the game to children attending the CHAMPS Sports Camp, hosted by Park Cities Baptist Church.

In spite of disabilities, author sees life from ‘the bright side’

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In spite of disabilities, author sees life from ‘the bright side’

By Jessica Dooley

Communications Intern

HEMPHILL—Doctors told Mary Howell’s parents their daughter— born with cerebral palsy—would never walk or talk. But with the encouragement of family and friends—and her strong faith in God—Howell exceeded all expectations.

She not learned to walk and talk, but also became an award-winning small town newspaper editor.

Author
Mary
Howell
with
copies
of her
book,
*Life on
the
Bright
Side.*