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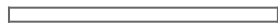
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# **Music cuts across language, cultural barriers in Japan**

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## **Music cuts across language, cultural barriers in Japan**

**By Barbara Bedrick**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

TOKYO, Japan—Music is proving to be the universal language as Texas Baptists from 10 African American churches performed for a crowd of 500 Japanese people at a concert hall near Toyko June 20.

Volunteers with the group said they could see the Japanese people connecting with the music by the Texas Voices of Praise Choir—and even singing along with the lyrics.

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# The recycle of clergy abuse

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## The recycle of clergy abuse

**By Greg Warner**

*Associated Baptist Press*

Secrecy about clergy sexual abuse may protect an abuser's current church from embarrassment but often at the expense of his next church—and its children.

Like many small, rural congregations that find themselves without a pastor, East Bonne Terre Baptist Church had a small budget and few options. So when church members heard there was a new preacher in the area who was seeking a pulpit, it looked like God's timing.

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# **BaptistWay Bible Series for July 1: Who do you think you are, anyway?**

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for July 1**

## **Who do you think you are, anyway?**

• Job 38:1-21; 40:1-2

[By Crystal Leake](#)

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# **Bible Studies for Life Series for July 1: Remember the Lord is God**

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## **Bible Studies for Life Series for July 1**

# **United we stand**

- Acts 2:41-47; 4:23-24; 29-35

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# **Explore the Bible Series for July 1: Humility can prevent a fall**

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## **Explore the Bible Series for July 1**

# **Humility can prevent a fall**

- Zephaniah 1:12-15; 2:1-3; 3:11-12

[By Kathryn Aragon](#)

*First Baptist Church, Duncanville*

This week's lesson is from the book of Zephaniah, which foretells the destruction of Judah by the Chaldeans (or Babylonians). The book outlines God's outrage over worship of false gods, the coming judgment and God's mercy toward those who obey him.

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# **Baptist bloggers calling it quits, turning to other methods, ministry**

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## **Baptist bloggers calling it quits, turning to other methods, ministry**

**By Greg Warner**

*Associated Baptist Press*

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (ABP)—The most prominent Baptist bloggers who led a two-year revolt against the Southern Baptist Convention establishment have abandoned their Internet-fueled campaign, but they insist they will continue the crusade for more openness in the SBC with other methods.

Marty Duren, Benjamin Cole and several other young voices in the denomination announced recently they won't be blogging about SBC issues anymore.

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# **In historic move, First Baptist Decatur calls Waco woman as senior pastor**

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## **In historic move, First Baptist Decatur calls Waco woman as senior pastor**

**By Hannah Elliott**

*Associated Baptist Press*

DECATUR, Ga. (ABP)—First Baptist Church of Decatur, Ga., has become the largest church associated with the Southern Baptist Convention or the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to hire a woman as senior pastor.

In a closed business session after Sunday morning worship June 17, nearly 400 members voted to call Julie Pennington-Russell as minister. The proposal, approved by a show of hands, went unchallenged in a discussion session.

Julie Pennington- Russell
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# Wife of evangelist Billy Graham close to death

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## Ruth Graham, wife of evangelist Billy Graham, dead at 87

**By Matt Kennedy**

*Associated Baptist Press*

MONTREAT, N.C. (ABP)—Ruth Graham, the wife of evangelist Billy Graham, died June 14 at her home at Little Piney Cove in Montreat, N.C. She was 87.

An author, philanthropist, Congressional Gold Medal winner and mother of five, Graham fell into a coma June 13. Her health declined rapidly from a bout with pneumonia a few weeks prior. She had been bedridden for several years with degenerative osteoarthritis.

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## BaptistWay Bible Series for

# June 24: A desperate cry for hope

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## A desperate cry for hope

• Job 16:1-8, 18-21; 19:1-7, 23-27

[By Crystal Leake](#)

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# Bible Studies for Life Series for June 24: Renew your devotion daily

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**Bible Studies for Life Series for June 24**

# Renew your devotion daily

- Deuteronomy 28:10-15; 30:1-3, 6, 11-14, 19-20

[By David Harp](#)

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## BaptistWay Bible Series for June 24: A desperate cry for hope

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## Habakkuk's lessons on genuine prayer

- Habakkuk 1:2-3, 5-6, 13; 2:2-4; 3:16-19

[By Kathryn Aragon](#)

*First Baptist Church, Duncanville*

Some say God answers prayer in three ways: "Yes," "No" or "Wait." Others encourage us to "pray it through," suggesting either our lack of faith or the spiritual powers that be are preventing our prayers from reaching heaven.