BaptistWay Bible Series for June 17: Helpers who are no help

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Helpers who are no help

• Job 4:1-9; 8:1-6; 11:1-6, 13-15

By Andy Rogers

Bible Studies for Life Series for June 17: Remember the Lord is God

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Remember the Lord is God

• Deuteronomy 8:1-14; 17-18

By David Harp

Explore the Bible Series for June 17: A call to remember who we are

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Explore the Bible Series for June 17

A call to remember who we are

• Nahum 1:1-3, 7-8; 3:1-7, 19

By Kathryn Aragon

First Baptist Church, Duncanville

"I never cease to be amazed at the degeneracy and depravity of modern man," a coworker of mine said after a brief discussion of current events. In one sentence, he summed up the message of Nahum.

Cyber Column by Jinny Henson: The prize

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CYBER COLUMN: The prize

By Jinny Henson

Bang! The Independence Day cap gun exploded, and I dove quickly to the deep end of Maplewood Pool, just in the shadows of my church, Westbury Baptist. Scraping, clawing for the greasy watermelon, the 9-to-11-year-old girls as one collective force catapulted up the incline that separated the deep end from the shallow end. You know the spot in every community pool, across from the diving boards where snorkeled boys lie in wait.

I gulped frantically for air and dove back down to seize my slick prize.

Jinny Henson

BGCT posts registered sex offenders serving in Texas Baptist churches

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BGCT posts registered sex offenders serving in Texas Baptist churches

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—The Baptist General Convention of Texas is providing a list registered sex offenders who were or are on staff at its affiliated churches.

The convention will post online at www.bgct.org/brokentrust the eight names of people in its file of sexual misconduct incidents who are convicted sex offenders and will begin reviewing the list of ministers at each of its more than 5,600-affiliated congregations to see if any other registered sex offenders are serving across the state. If any offenders are discovered, they also will be listed on the BGCT's website.

Half of SBC pastors believe in â∏prayer languages,â∏ study reveals

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Half of SBC pastors believe in 'prayer languages,' study reveals

By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ABP)—Half of the senior pastors in the Southern Baptist Convention believe some people are granted a special, spiritual language for prayer, a recent survey has found.

The findings, from LifeWay Christian Resources, come in the midst of continued turmoil in the SBC over the existence and practicality of such "private prayer languages." They also come just before the convention's annual meeting, where messengers are expected to address policies related to glossolalia, or speaking in tongues.

Missionary & SBTC leader face off for SBC first VP

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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

SAN ANTONIO—A missionary to Spain and the leader of the fundamentalist state convention in Texas each will be nominated for first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention June 12.

If missionary David Rogers, son of legendary preacher and former SBC President Adrian Rogers, is elected, he will be the first active missionary to hold SBC office.

Bible Studies for Life Series for June 10: Practice obedience

diligently

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Bible Studies for Life Series for June 10

Practice obedience diligently

• Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, 15-20, 39-40

By David Harp

Explore the Bible Series for June 10: Replacing selfishness with faith

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Explore the Bible Series for June 10

Replacing selfishness with faith

• Obadiah 1-4, 10-13, 15

By Kathryn Aragon

First Baptist Church, Duncanville

The "Me Generation" has borne its fruit. We live in what may well be the most selfish generation ever. Let me clarify by saying I don't really believe people today are worse than in the past. People always have struggled with selfishness and pride. It's just that today—with mass communication, cell phones and technology—selfishness has become a mass movement.

Three churches form ties that bind

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Pastors Alfred McLennan Jr., Al Brausam and Jorge Luna stand outside First Baptist Church in Forest Hill. Luna's congregation, Iglesia Bautista Roca Firme, has become part of First Baptist, and McLennan's congregation, **Greater True** Vine Baptist Church, also joined recently. (Photo by George Henson)

Three churches form ties that bind

By George Henson

Staff Writer

FOREST HILL—The Bible says that a cord of three strands is not quickly broken, and three Fort Worth-area congregations are binding themselves together in a partnership that they expect to strengthen them all.

Attendance at First Baptist Church in Forest Hill has been declining for years. When Pastor Al Brausam arrived at the church last May, the congregation had dwindled to about 40 people—mostly white, and with an average age of 70.

Barefoot sermon kicks off Buckner shoe drive

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Hogan during
his "shoeless
sermon" on
behalf of
Buckner
International's
Shoes for
Orphan Souls
campaign.

Barefoot sermon kicks off Buckner shoe drive

By George Henson

Staff Writer

HOUSTON—Pastor Ed Hogan recently preached a sermon unlike any he ever preached before—not because of its content, but because he was barefoot.

Jersey Village Baptist Church in Houston asked its members to come to church barefooted to kick off the church's efforts to gather 2,000 pairs of shoes for Buckner International's Shoes for Orphan Souls campaign.

Media bias? Not the way some might think

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Media bias? Not the way some might think

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A new study by two Washington-based groups asserts that the mainstream media, derided by some as liberally biased, actually overemphasizes the importance of religious conservatives.

Media Matters for America and Faith in Public Life released the report, titled "Left Behind: The Skewed Representation of Religion in the Major News Media," at a Washington news conference. It found that between the 2004 elections and the end of 2006, prominent conservative religious leaders were interviewed, quoted or mentioned in 2.8 times as many stories as were prominent moderate or liberal religious leaders.