

# **Bible Studies for Life Series for May 27: Being a peacemaker requires effort**

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## **Being a peacemaker requires effort**

- Genesis 50:15-21; Matthew 5:23-24; Colossians 3:12-15

**[By David Harp](#)**

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## **Explore the Bible Series for May 27: Adopting an eternal mindset**

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# Adopting an eternal mindset

- 2 Peter 3:3-12, 14, 17-18

[By Kathryn Aragon](#)

*First Baptist Church, Duncanville*

The typical mindset is that God allows suffering so we will learn more about him, but God sometimes works in ways we don't expect. As an example, during our seminary years, he reversed my family's fortunes and made his word come alive. You see, we lived in a \$6 million mansion during our two years in seminary.

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**By Hannah Elliott**

*Associated Baptist Press*

BRIGHTON, England (ABP)—Baptists in Great Britain are calling on their

government and churches to do more for migrant workers and to oppose human trafficking around the world.

The resolution came at the May 4-7 Baptist Assembly in Brighton, the largest European Baptist event of the year. More than 2,000 were expected to attend the four-day event involving the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the BMS World Mission.

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**By Robert Marus**

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (ABP)—Controversial policies for missionaries on baptism and speaking in tongues were slightly softened—but not revoked—by trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention's [International Mission Board](#) May 8.

The trustees, meeting in Kansas City, approved an ad hoc subcommittee

report of the board's missionary personnel committee, which had spent more than a year studying the issues.

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## **Board to consider search committee for new BGCT executive director**

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**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

The Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board will consider at its May 21-22 meeting a proposed 15-member executive director search committee chaired by Ken Huggins, pastor of Elkins Lake Baptist Church in Huntsville and chairman of the Christian Life Commission.

BGCT President Steve Vernon, First Vice President Joy Fenner, Second Vice President Roberto Rodriguez, Executive Board Chairman Bob Fowler and Vice Chair John Petty named the slate of the proposed committee. Fowler sent a May 16 e-mail to Executive Board directors to notify them of

the nominees.

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**By Greg Warner**

*Associated Baptist Press*

WACO (ABP)—Evangelical philosopher [Francis Beckwith](#) has become a Roman Catholic and, as a result, has resigned as president—and as a member—of the Evangelical Theological Society.

Beckwith, associate professor of [church-state studies at Baylor University](#), said the decision he made to seek “full communion” with the Roman Catholic Church grew from his desire to find “historical and theological continuity” with the early Christian church.

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# Missionaries return to Tanzania after surviving attack

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**By Charlie Warren**

*Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*

MOSHI, Tanzania (ABP)—Two Southern Baptist missionaries are returning to Tanzania, where they were attacked with machetes and shot during a vicious robbery in the East African country.

Carl and Kay Garvin, Southern Baptist missionaries who returned to Arkansas after the Feb. 23 attack in a remote village south of Moshi, Tanzania, have recovered remarkably well from the assault. They arrived in Nairobi, Kenya, April 24 for missionary meetings and a prayer retreat before a May 6 return to Tanzania.

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# **RIGHT or WRONG? How to honor your parents**

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## **RIGHT or WRONG? How to honor your parents**

**I'm worried about my elderly mother driving a car, but I hate to take away her independence by taking away her keys. The Bible says to honor your father and mother, and I don't want her to think I've lost respect for her. What should I do?**

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## **Texas Baptists minister to Cactus tornado victims**

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**By Barbara Bedrick**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

DUMAS—Clutching his Bible to his chest, Saul Monreal lay on the floor of his trailer home as the April 21 tornado roared through Cactus. He prayed for his life.

Moving to Cactus a month ago for a job with a meat processing plant, Monreal had lived in his new trailer only a few days before the violent storm hit. He didn't know many people in the community of 2,500 people.

Texas Baptists minister to disaster victims like Saul Monreal who was injured in the Cactus tornado. He lost his home in the storm.  
(Photos by Barbara Bedrick/BGCT)



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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Mexico—Juan Molina can't remember the last tornado that hit Eagle Pass or Piedras Negras, Mexico, prior to the one that swept through the area last month.

So, when it started to rain April 24, he thought it was another spring shower. Hours later, he was huddled with his pregnant wife and their 1-year-old daughter on the floor of their mobile home watching a tornado peel off the roof of their house.

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Trevino, who  
helped  
coordinate  
Texas Baptist  
disaster  
response in the  
area, delivers  
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ARLINGTON (ABP)—Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit are largely overlooked in Baptist churches, Pastor Dwight McKissic said at his

Baptist Conference on the Holy Spirit.

That lack of awareness is Baptists' loss, said McKissic and many of the 200 others who gathered at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Arlington. The event was scheduled eight months after McKissic triggered a tempest in the Southern Baptist Convention by acknowledging he has practiced a "private prayer language" since his days as a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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DALLAS (ABP)—The board of the nation's only independent news service for Baptists honored two Baptist communicators and a Dallas congregation for their contributions to the cause of Christian journalism April 27.

Meeting in Dallas, directors of Associated Baptist Press also adopted a final

2007 budget and unanimously agreed to move ahead with a business plan for a strategic partnership between ABP, the *Baptist Standard* and other Baptist publications.