

CYBER COLUMN by Jinny Henson: Tribute to Mom

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By Jinny Henson

Susana Wesley, mother of Methodist Church founders John and Charles, often is credited for raising children who would, well, launch a denomination. Intelligent and stern, she wore her hair in a holiness bun and baked bread at 4 am. My mother wore Loving Care # 2247 and fed us biscuits during the 1977-78 school year because Food-a-rama had them on sale. Legend has it that Susana delivered sermons and prayed for hours for her 10 children. My mom preached at the three of us and prayed for a week that toilet would heal itself before she'd call the plumber.

Jinny Henson

Very ready to laugh at life in general and herself in particular, my mom never took herself too seriously. You never can escape the blessing that having a secure woman for a mother brings. It permeates your soul in a lasting way like Ritz dye to white capri pants, leaving not one fiber untouched. I never heard her agonize over what to wear or wallow in self-pity. She was decisive, intuitive, strong and ever amused at how God had put her children together.

Around the State

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- **Two vision trips for border/Mexico missions are fast approaching.**

The Querétaro vision trip starts with a May 2 flight to Mexico City and participants return May 5. A trip to Oaxaca will be from May 20 to 23. For more information about the trips and available scholarships, call (888) 333-2363.

- Dallas will participate in the **National Day of Prayer** May 3 with an old-fashioned tent revival on Gaston Avenue at Haskell at 11:45 a.m. Daily tent meetings are being held there morning and evening until then. First Church in Dallas and Prestonwood Church in Plano are among the churches and organizations sponsoring the effort.

The B.H. Carroll Institute conferred its first certified degrees to Larry Howell (center left), diploma in Christian ministry, and Betty Dilday (center right), master of arts in religion. Participating in the ceremony were Bruce Corley (left), senior fellow and president of the institute, and Russell Dilday, chancellor of the school. For more information about the school, call (817) 274-4284.

- **Panfork Camp** in Wellington will hold its senior adult day May 4. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. and events will continue through the middle of the afternoon. Lunch will be served. The cost is \$10. For more information, call (806) 665-3152.

- **The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor** will hold its 10th annual Senior Saints Summit May 14-17 for people 55 and older. Participants live on campus for four days of seminars, singing, worship, fellowship and Bible study. Wallace Davis will be the summit preacher, Dan Woolridge the Bible teacher and Larry Putman the worship leader. Other highlights include daily morning devotionals, special interest breakout sessions, fellowship times, a talent show and games. The cost is \$135 per person or \$250 per married couple to stay on campus, or \$95 for commuters staying off campus. For more information, call (254) 295-4606.

Turkish Baptists fear threats after murders, civil unrest

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

IZMIR, Turkey (ABP)—Turkey’s handful of Baptists and other evangelical Christians fear increased persecution as the nation continues to reel from political upheaval and the brutal murder of three Christians, allegedly by radical Islamists.

Meanwhile, Turkish Christians of all stripes, their allies in Europe and American officials are calling on the nation to prove its commitment to religious freedom.

Daughter of former Truett dean killed in car wreck

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Caitlin Creed, a freshman social work major at Baylor University, was killed April 30 in an automobile accident near Palestine. She was traveling to her grandmother’s house in Tyler to prepare for exams.

She was the daughter of Brad Creed, former dean of Truett Seminary and now provost at Samford University, and his wife, Cathy.

She was a member of Tri Delta Sorority and attended Highland Baptist Church in Waco.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. May 3, at Autry Funeral Home, 1025 SE Loop 456, in Jacksonville, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. May 4, at Central Baptist Church, 1909 E. Rusk St., in Jacksonville.

BaptistWay Bible Series for May 13: Inviting all kinds of people to know Christ

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Inviting all kinds of people to know Christ

- Acts 16:13-15, 25-34

[By Leroy Fenton](#)

Bible Studies for Life Series for May13: Accept responsibility for actions

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Bible Studies for Life Series for May 13

Accept responsibility for actions

- Matthew 7:1-5; James 4:1-3,6-12

[By David Harp](#)

Explore the Bible Series for May 13: Living your beliefs is what counts

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Explore the Bible Series for May 13

Living your beliefs is what counts

- 2 Peter 1:12-21

[By Kathryn Aragon](#)

First Baptist Church, Duncanville

Sometimes we talk about something so much the words begin to lose their meaning. You know, like “freedom” and “Christian love.”

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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—After a 10-year struggle, the federal Department of Veterans Affairs has approved placing a pentacle on the grave markers of Wiccan soldiers buried in government cemeteries.

The decision is the result of a settlement—announced April 23 by Americans United for Separation of Church and State—between VA officials and attorneys for an array of Wiccan veterans and their relatives. It brings to an end a battle for recognition of their faith that Wiccan advocates say was prolonged due to government officials' prejudice.

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Associated Baptist Press

ISTANBUL (ABP)—As Turkish Christians reel from the recent brutal murders of three of their own—allegedly by radical Islamists—many Turks worry the possible election of Turkey's first devoutly Muslim president could mean more trouble.

As many as a million secularist Turks protested in Istanbul April 29 against the potential election of Abdullah Gul, according to multiple news reports. The protests follow similar ones in Ankara, the nation's capital, two weeks

ago.

Texas Baptists offer relief to victims of widespread storms

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Texas
Baptist
Men
responded
to help
victims of
storms
that
struck
across the
state in
April.

Texas Baptists offer relief to victims of widespread storms

By Barbara Bedrick

Texas Baptist Communications

From suburban Fort Worth to the Panhandle plains to the Rio Grande, Texas Baptists provided disaster relief after a series of violent storms swept through the state.

High winds, heavy rain and a tornado killed two people and damaged more than 150 homes in Tarrant County April 13, and another storm system followed a similar path 11 days later. Haltom City, just north of Fort Worth, experienced some of the worst damage from the first wave of storms.



Commentary: Destruction Hits Villa de Fuente Colonia...again

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By Dexton Shores

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This past week, I attended the Missions Exchange at Truett Seminary and then drove on to Dallas for a meeting with our mission team and World Connex leaders. About 10 p.m. Tuesday night I received an email from one of our pastors in Eagle Pass with the word "Crisis" in the subject line. Bro. Felix Castillo then briefly explained that a tornado had just swept a path of destruction on both sides of the border killing at least seven people.

I called him immediately and learned that a significant area in the Rosita Valley area of Eagle Pass had been hit and that a mobile home had been lifted up and landed on top of the elementary school, killing the entire family inside the mobile home. I then called Pastor Israel Rodriguez on the Mexico side of the border to learn that the same colonia of Villa de Fuente that was devastated by the flooding of the Rio Escondido in 2004 had been hard hit again, wiping out an eight square block area.

Newspapers rethink religion

sections

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Newspapers rethink religion sections

By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

NEW YORK (ABP)—The [*Dallas Morning News*](#) recently received the Religion Communicators Council award for the nation's best religion section. It was the 10th time in 11 years the *News* had won. Unfortunately for the *News*, there's no chance of an 11th title.

In January, the newspaper discontinued the section, citing economic concerns.