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By Jim White

Virginia Religious Herald

BLACKSBURG, Va. (ABP)—As the sun began to set and the wind continued to howl over a wounded campus and city, Virginia Tech students gathered for prayer, comfort and counseling at the school's Baptist student center.

Blacksburg, the small city that houses the university's 26,000-plus students, was even quieter than usual the night after a massacre unprecedented in American history. The gunman, who shot 32 students and professors and then took his own life, also had silenced the usually bustling activity on the commercial strips around the sprawling campus's edges.

Virginia Tech
students who
gathered at the
Baptist
ministry center
in Blacksburg
cried, prayed
and hugged.

(Jim
*White/Religious
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University of
Mary Hardin-
Baylor
student
Sarah-Jane
Saunders
prays for
grieving
people at
Virginia Tech.
Several dozen
faculty, staff
and students
gathered at
UMHB to
hold a special
prayer
service the
day after the
deadly
shooting at
Virginia Tech.
(UMHB photo
by Randy
Yandell)

Texas students pray, remember peers at Virginia Tech

By Barbara Bedrick

Texas Baptist Communications

USTIN—A week after the deadly shooting rampage at Virginia Tech, Texas Baptist college students continued to gather in chapels, sing tributes and pray for the families of the victims, students, faculty and staff.

In a special tribute to the victims and their families, the Dallas Baptist University Chorale—already scheduled to perform at Washington National Cathedral’s “Texas Day” celebration April 22—was asked to provide prelude music for a procession that included Virginia Tech officials and alumni. They placed 33 candles at the foot of the altar—one for each victim and one for the man who killed them, Seung-Hui Cho.

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Grieving students join thousands of their peers in the football stadium at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., for a convocation and speech by President Bush following a shooting rampage on campus.

(Newhouse/Matt Rainey/*The Star-Ledger*)

NO EASY ANSWERS: Campus ministers struggle to explain the inexplicable

By Kevin Eckstrom

Religion News Service

Sometimes, answers to the tough questions just don't come, campus ministers at Virginia Tech insist. When they do, they don't come easily. And they often come up short.

As ministers and counselors descended on Virginia Tech to offer comfort and consolation in the tragedy's immediate aftermath, they said it was still too early to try to make sense of it all. There will be time enough for that.

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First Baptist Church, Duncanville

The other day, my son came to me asking about salvation. Although his first questions revolved around fire insurance, what he really wanted was more. Aren't we the same way?

In first fallout from abortion ruling, Supreme Court returns state cases

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In first fallout from abortion ruling, Supreme Court returns state cases

By **Robert Marus**

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—In the first fallout from a controversial recent ruling on abortion rights, the Supreme Court April 23 returned two cases—dealing with Virginia and Missouri state laws on “partial-birth” abortions—to lower federal courts for reconsideration.

The decisions mean the effects of the high court’s April 18 *Gonzales v. Carhart* decision will now filter down to state law — elating abortion opponents and confirming the fears of abortion-rights advocates.

RIGHT or WRONG? Government-sponsored prayer

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RIGHT or WRONG? Government-sponsored prayer

Why do some people cite Jesus’ words about not praying or offering

alms on the street corner but still say we need prayer in schools and especially at football games? Can we find any consistent perspective on this?

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[Summer of Light: A Novel](#)

By W. Dale Cramer (Bethany House)



What happens when a rough-hewn construction worker becomes a stay-at-home mom? A rollicking good story.

Of course, Mick Brannigan's first reaction is anything but agreeable when his wife, Layne, asks him to stay home with 4-year-old Dylan, recently diagnosed with sensory integration dysfunction. But a chain of events not unlike those that befell Jonah quickly changes his mind.

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