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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.

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

(Jim  
*White/Religious  
Herald*)

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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.

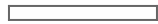
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# **BaptistWay Bible Series for May 6: Salvation offers the chance to live a holy life**

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for May 6**

# Salvation offers the chance to live a holy life

- Acts 15:1-22

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## Bible Studies for Life Series for May 6: Honor God in conflict

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**Bible Studies for Life Series for May 6**

### Honor God in conflict

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# Explore the Bible Series for May 6: Growing up in Christ

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**Explore the Bible Series for May 6**

## Growing up in Christ

• 2 Peter 1:1-11

[By Kathryn Aragon](#)

*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?

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## 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.

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## **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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## **Book Reviews**

### **[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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# **BaptistWay Bible Series for April 29: Risk following God's leadership**

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for April 29**

## **Risk following God's leadership**

- Acts 13:1-6, 13-16, 42-52; 14:19-22

**[By Leroy Fenton](#)**