

Cybercolumn by Berry D. Simpson: Transcendence

April 13, 2007
Posted: 4/13/07

CYBER COLUMN: Transcendence

By Berry D. Simpson

I was reading an article in a recent issue of *Runner's World* about the ultimate long-distance running race—the Sri Chinmoy Self-Transcendence 3,100 Mile Race.

It lasts 51 days during the summer heat. The course consists of a 0.5488-mile concrete loop that circles Thomas Edison High School in Queens, New York. Last summer, there were 15 athletes from 10 countries who took part in this race, each competitor running between 60 and 70 miles every day. And what's more—in case you think something so unbelievable could never be repeated—2006 was the 10th annual running of this race.

Berry D. Simpson

BaptistWay Bible Series for April 22: Every Christian is called to missions

April 13, 2007

Posted: 4/13/07

BaptistWay Bible Series for April 22

Every Christian is called to missions

- Acts 11:19-26

[By Leroy Fenton](#)

Bible Studies for Life Series for April 22: Loving like Christ bears fruit

April 13, 2007

Posted: 4/13/07

Bible Studies for Life Series for April 22

Loving like Christ bears fruit

• John 13:31-15:17

[By David Harp](#)

Explore the Bible Series for April 22: Christians should exude Christ when squeezed

April 13, 2007

Posted: 4/13/07

[Explore the Bible Series for April 22](#)

Christians should exude Christ when squeezed

• 1 Peter 4:7-19

[By Kathryn Aragon](#)

First Baptist Church, Duncanville

The world places a lot of stock in our intelligence quotient (IQ), but as Christians, we must place more value in our attitudes, especially our

attitude toward difficulties. Take a short quiz and see how your suffering quotient (SQ) rates.

Storylist for week of 4/16/07

April 13, 2007

Storylist for week of 4/16/07



TAKE ME TO: [Top Story](#) | [Texas](#) | [Opinion](#) | [Baptists](#) | [Faith & Culture](#) | [Book Reviews](#) | [Classifieds](#) | [Departments](#) | [Bible Study](#)



- [The church in parenethesis](#)



- [The church in parenethesis](#)
- [Churches show lasting benefits from intentional interim ministry, study says](#)
- [Self-examination benefits church with pastor, too](#)
- [Wade announces plans to retire as BGCT executive director](#)
- [Text of Wade's retirement announcement](#)

- [McKissic and Southwestern trustees reach peace agreement](#)
- [Missional leaders needed for churches](#)
- [Texas Baptist named to head international aid ministry](#)
- [Standard, others launch new era of collaboration](#)
- [When Howard Payne students show love to child, it leads Muslim family to church](#)
- [San Angelo bus ministry takes gospel to travelers](#)
- [Churches seeking pastors put plenty of hooks in the water](#)
- [Student actors say portraying Christ becomes role of a lifetime](#)
- [On the Move](#)
- [Around the State](#)
- [Texas Tidbits](#)
-  [Board fires Missouri Baptists' embattled executive director](#)
- [Are some people born to be religious?](#)
- [Baptist Briefs](#)
-  [Small coffee company takes 'fair trade' one step further](#)
- [Fair Trade sales skyrocket](#)
- [Spiritual 'smorgasbord' reveals hunger for ultimate meaning](#)

- [Novel challenges readers to view gospel through the eyes of Judas](#)
- [Faith Digest](#)



• [Books reviewed in this issue:](#) *River Rising* by Athol Dickson, *The Gospel According to Starbucks: Living With a Grande Passion* by Leonard Sweet and *Why Study the Past? The Quest for the Historical Church* by Rowan Williams.



- [Cartoon](#)
- [Classified Ads](#)
- [Texas Baptist Forum](#)
- [On the Move](#)



- [EDITORIAL: BGCT prepares for torch to be passed](#)
- [DOWN HOME: Bundle of fur mends broken hearts](#)
- [TOGETHER: Moving forward in a time of transition](#)
- [2nd Opinion: Good manners & speaking truth](#)
- [RIGHT or WRONG? Santa and lying](#)
- [Texas Baptist Forum](#)
- [Cybercolumn by Berry D. Simpson: Transcendence](#)



- [BaptistWay Bible Series for April 15: Barriers do not have to be barricades](#)
- [Bible Studies for Life Series for April 15: The way of Christ involves service and sacrifice](#)
- [Explore the Bible Series for April 15: Acting like Jesus in the face of suffering](#)
- [BaptistWay Bible Series for April 22: Every Christian is called to missions](#)
- [Bible Studies for Life Series for April 22: Loving like Christ bears fruit](#)
- [Explore the Bible Series for April 22: Christians should exude Christ when squeezed](#)

Previously Posted

- [Mission Waco volunteers offer pure water, living water](#)
- [Evangelical leaders join broad coalition urging immigration reform](#)
- [Friona church's furniture bears mark of 92-year-old carpenter](#)
- [Buckner orphan writes her story](#)
- [Frye has seen change over 50 years at the organ bench](#)
- [Wanted: Gospel preachers for South Africa](#)
- [Study shows intact, religious family reduces achievement gap for minority children](#)
- [Texas House bill would expand CHIP](#)

- [Study shows intact, religious family reduces achievement gap for minority children](#)
 - [TBM delivers computers to Mexico](#)
 - [Houston students unite to serve in Acuña](#)
 - [See a complete list of articles from our previous 4/02/ 2007 issue here.](#)
-

Student actors say portraying Christ becomes role of a lifetime

April 13, 2007
Posted: 4/13/07



Student Jeff
Sutton
portrays
Christ during
the
University of
Mary Hardin-
Baylor
outdoor
Easter
pageant, a
campus
tradition for
more than 60
years.
(Photos/Carol
Woodward)

Student actors say portraying Christ becomes role of a lifetime

By Jennifer Sicking

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

BELTON—Three times Jeff Sutton was raised up on a cross, and each time he felt the power of what it represented.

“It is powerful to realize that what I did was imitation, acting, but what Christ did was real,” Sutton, a religion major from Dallas, said about his role as Jesus in the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor’s 68th annual Easter pageant. “Every time I would lay down on the cross, my heart would get in

a knot. Christ did it for real. Nails would go through his hands; his blood was shed.”

RIGHT or WRONG? Santa and lying

April 13, 2007

Posted: 4/13/07

RIGHT or WRONG? Santa and lying

What should I tell my preschooler about Santa Claus? Is it wrong to tell a “little white lie” if it brings happiness to a child?

Wade announces plans to retire as BGCT executive director

April 13, 2007

Updated: 4/12/07

BGCT
Executive
Director
Charles Wade
talks with
Associate
Executive
Director/COO
Ron Gunter
after Wade's
retirement
announcement
(BGCT photo).

Wade announces plans to retire as BGCT executive director

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

DALLAS—Charles Wade, who led the Baptist General Convention of Texas through major changes in its governance and reorganization of its Executive Board staff, has announced plans to retire as [executive director](#) Jan. 31, 2008.

Wade told Baptist Building employees of his plans at an April 11 staff meeting after he informed BGCT President Steve Vernon and Executive Board Chairman Bob Fowler.

• [Listen to Charles Wade announce his retirement with comments from Bob Fowler and Steve Vernon.](#)

• [Read the text here.](#)

Text of Charles Wade's address to the BGCT staff

April 13, 2007

Posted: 4/11/07

Text of Charles Wade's address to the BGCT staff

As I have said to Texas Baptists in many places and many times: "I thank my God every time I think of you. I pray for you with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

Especially, I am glad to say that to this staff who serve Texas Baptists in myriad ways with steadfast faith and impressive skill. No leader of Texas Baptists could ever hope for a more dedicated and able group of women and men to serve alongside than I have enjoyed the past seven years.

Charles
Wade

We have accomplished much together, and there is more to be done. We will continue to give our full energies to the task Texas Baptists assigned to my care and God called me to do when I began this journey with you in November 1999.

It is now time to announce that I will retire from the role of Executive Director of the BGCT on January 31, 2008. Though I will continue to give leadership and encouragement to you, the Executive Board of the Convention, and Texas Baptists for the next 9 1/2 months, it is necessary for me to give this advance notice so there can be adequate time for the Executive Board to initiate the search process to find the next Executive Director whom I believe God has already been preparing to take up this critical and special calling.

oneday_60203

April 13, 2007

Posted: 5/30/03

OneDay03 perpetuates passion for following God

SHERMAN-Rather than spending Memorial Day weekend at beaches or amusement parks, nearly 30,000 college students and young adults sought

God on a 400-acre ranch near Sherman.

OneDay03 encompassed the weekend, climaxing in seven hours of worship, teaching and prayer on Memorial Day.

Almost
30,000
college
students
converged
on a ranch
near
Sherman
over the
Memorial
Day
weekend
to
participate
in
OneDay03,
a
nationwide
"sacred
assembly"
designed
to help
them focus
on God.
(Leann
Callaway
Photo)

Led by Louie Giglio, founder and director of Passion Conferences for youth and young adults, OneDay included a number of well-known speakers, worship artists and other Christian leaders.

BaptistWay Bible Series for April 15: Barriers do not have to be barricades

April 13, 2007
Posted: 4/05/07

BaptistWay Bible Series for April 15

Barriers do not have to be barricades

- Acts 11:1-18

[By Leroy Fenton](#)

Bible Studies for Life Series for

April 15: The way of Christ involves service and sacrifice

April 13, 2007

Posted: 4/05/07

Bible Studies for Life Series for April 15

The way of Christ involves service and sacrifice

• John 13:1-17

[By David Harp](#)