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**By Jinny Henson**

On a flight from DFW to Chicago not long ago, I heard the most audacious example yet of helicopter parenting—a term used to describe the hovering nature of parents engineering their child's every situation to create a positive result. Blame it on the vapid competition today's children face or our parental thirst for validation, but these days some parents are hovering; paving the way and quick to indulge.

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| Jinny<br>Henson |
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Behind me was a mother in her late 30s attempting to instruct her son in California via cell phone how to properly load cartridges into his new Nintendo D.S. player. She had him read the directions to her twice and offered her take on them. The Nintendo, it seems, has a space for both Nintendo games and its forerunner, Game Boy game cartridges. Oddly enough, the Granny Nanny taking care of the kids was of absolutely no assistance. Imagine that.

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**By Carla Wynn**

*Cooperative Baptist Fellowship*

LACOMBE, La. (ABP)—It's been a long road for the home of Loretta and Samuel Ducre of Lacombe, La.

Their original home is gone—destroyed in August 2005 when Hurricane Katrina mauled the Gulf Coast. And its replacement, built and furnished by volunteers, has been on its way for nearly a year.

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Lacombe  
resident  
Shovie  
Ducre  
talks with  
CBF of  
Louisiana  
disaster  
response  
volunteer  
Mary Beth  
Thomas in  
August.  
Ducre's  
home was  
among the  
first  
restore by  
Fellowship  
volunteers  
in  
Lacombe.  
(Photo by  
Carla  
Wynn)

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# If heaven is filled with music, Larner arrived early

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| Linda<br>Elston<br>helps her<br>mother,<br>Bernice<br>Larner,<br>celebrate<br>70 years<br>as a<br>church<br>pianist. |
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## If heaven is filled with music, Bernice Larner arrived early

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

MORGAN MILL—For the last 70 years, Sunday mornings have found Bernice Larner at a church piano bench. And she's been blessed with every hymn she's played, including her favorite, "He Keeps Me Singing."

In addition to 62 years at Morgan Mill Baptist Church, Larner also was

pianist for a church in Odessa for four years in the mid-1950s and in Azle for four years in the late-1960s.

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# **ETBU international students offer global perspective**

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**By Mike Midkiff**

*East Texas Baptist University*

MARSHALL—International students at East Texas Baptist University gave Marshall-area children and university students a glimpse into their native lands during an on-campus international fair.

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At an international fair at East Texas Baptist University, Youling (Judy) Yu, a visiting scholar from Lanzhou University of Technology of China, gives instruction in origami to teacher-education student Debbie Darville of Marshall.

The university's international education office invited children's missions and Bible groups from East Texas churches to the fair.

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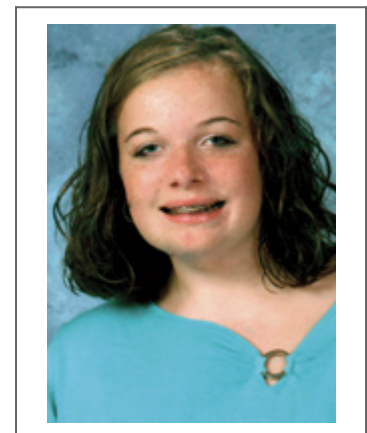
## Texas Acteen selected for national panel

**By Amy Whitfield**

*Woman's Missionary Union*

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Woman's Missionary Union has selected Tiffany Clark, 16, of Humble Area's First Baptist Church to be a 2007 National Acteens Panelist.

Tiffany earned the honor because of her strong commitment to missions and to Acteens, a Baptist missions program for teenage girls, national WMU officials said. They also cited her exemplary leadership and involvement in her school, community and church.



# 'From the Dust' takes music behind bars

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Yvette and Kevin Snow are part of From the Dust, a music group that ministers in prisons throughout Texas.

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*Staff Writer*



THE COLONY—Like missionaries Paul and Silas in the New Testament, band members of the Christian band From the Dust hope taking their songs to prisons might cause inmates to ask, “What must I do to be saved?”

From the Dust grew out of a church praise band that led worship on Sunday mornings.



Kevin Snow, bass guitarist and vocalist for From the Dust.

- Watch video clips about the ministry of From the Dust [here](#) and [here](#).
  - Hear their blues version of [Blessed Assurance](#).
  - Listen to more music at their website, [www.fromthedust.com](http://www.fromthedust.com).
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*Associated Baptist Press*

WACO (ABP)—Deal with it, get over it or get help. That's Leonard Sweet's mantra when it comes to understanding Christianity's fluid role in the postmodern world.

The Christian church is in the midst of a "perfect storm," Sweet told a crowd at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary. Such stormy weather is manifested in, among other things, postmodernism —the worldview that questions modern assumptions about certainty and progress. Modernism gave Christians a preferred status as "chaplain" to the culture. But Christians in the West no longer can expect to have that "home-court advantage," he said.

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Leonard Sweet  
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*Associated Baptist Press*

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP)—Wade Burleson says the Southern Baptist Convention’s International Mission Board did not conduct an “investigation” into his allegations of trustee improprieties—despite some trustees’ insistence to the contrary.

“What idiot told Mr. Burleson there was no trustee investigative committee?” asked trustee Jerry Corbaley recently on his blog.

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# Identity conference questions SBC's direction

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**By Phillip Jordan**

*Associated Baptist Press*

JACKSON, Tenn. (ABP)—The future should be bright for the Southern Baptist Convention, but it won't be if infighting continues, SBC President Frank Page insisted at a conference on Baptist identity.

Page, pastor of First Baptist Church of Taylors, S.C., urged Southern Baptists—who have been squabbling over narrowing doctrinal parameters and other issues—to stick together.

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**By Lonnie Wilkey & Robert Marus**

*Tennessee Baptist & Reflector / Associated Baptist Press*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ABP)—Attorney General Alberto Gonzales chose the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee's winter meeting to announce a new Justice Department focus on religious freedom.

But some Christian leaders questioned the move, as well as the Bush administration's commitment to a robust defense of the Constitution's religious protections.

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## **CBF council reports declining**

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*Associated Baptist Press*

DECATUR, Ga. (ABP)—Halfway through their fiscal year, leaders of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship learned about a significant revenue shortfall during the CBF Coordinating Council winter meeting in Decatur, Ga.

Undesignated receipts were 13.2 percent below the year-to-date budget, according to a financial summary of the six months ended Dec. 31, 2006. That budget itself had been revised downward from an earlier adopted budget.

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DECATUR, Ga. (ABP)—Next January’s “Celebration of a New Baptist Covenant” will be the most important Baptist event since before the Civil War, an emotional Jimmy Allen told Cooperative Baptist Fellowship leaders.

Allen, the last moderate to serve as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, stressed that the two Democratic former presidents leading the charge for the historic pan-Baptist gathering—Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton—want to avoid politics at the rally.

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| Emmanuel<br>McCall<br>listens as<br>Jimmy Allen<br>talks to<br>Cooperative<br>Baptist<br>Fellowship<br>leaders. |
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