

# Missouri Baptist Convention faces \$10 million countersuit

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**By Vicki Brown**

*Associated Baptist Press*

CAMDENTON, Mo. (ABP)—The Missouri Baptist Convention could face paying more than \$10 million to a developer over land formerly owned by Windermere Baptist Conference Center.

William Jester of Springfield, Mo., has filed a counterclaim to legal action convention officials originally filed against him and the conference center in 2006. The developer filed the countersuit in Camden County, Mo., where the lakeside conference center is located.

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## Bible Studies for Life Series for

# **April 13: Exploring Devotion â€” the Hard Work of Covenant**

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**Bible Studies for Life Series for April 13**

## **Exploring Devotion - the Hard Work of Covenant**

- Genesis 22:1-19

[By Gary Long](#)

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## **Two Texas teens on 2008 national Acteens panel**

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# Acteens panel

By Julie Walters

*Woman’s Missionary Union*

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Two Texas Baptist teenagers have been selected to serve on the national Acteens panel by national Woman’s Missionary Union.

Kristi Damon, 17, of First Baptist Church in Amarillo and Paige Baker, 18, of Humble Area’s First Baptist Church were selected based on their strong commitment and active involvement in missions and Acteens, the WMU missions organization for teenage girls in grades 7-12, coupled with exemplary leadership and involvement in their community and church. Church leaders highly rcommended both young women.

	
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# Chef found recipe for happiness at Dallas church

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**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

DALLAS—John Jost had no idea what God was cooking up when he led him to Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas as the church's chef.

Jost began his training as a classically trained chef in Germany, and had worked in hotels throughout the United States. But was looking for a job when God began dropping the bread crumbs that led Jost to the Wilshire kitchen.

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## Vision—not just geography —unite associations of churches

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FORT WORTH—Want to know what an association looks like? Don't use a still camera, because the image and functions are constantly changing as associations try to be what the churches they serve need them to be, said Tarrant Baptist Association Director of Missions Tom Law. And to fit all the churches into the same window will take a wide-angle lens—a very wide-angle lens.

"I think the association we have been familiar with is going to change drastically over the next few years," Law said.

**What is the association  
of the 21st century  
going to look like?**

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# Should Christians use violent video games to lure teens to church?

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The game Halo 3 has some religious thematic elements, namely the good-versus-evil plot and the role of Master Chief. That's why some say it can be a valuable tool in relating to non-Christians.

## Should Christians use violent video games to lure teens to church?

**By Hannah Elliott**

*Associated Baptist Press*

NEW YORK (ABP)—What do warthogs, pelicans, energy swords and Spartan lasers have in common? And how do they relate to John 1:17?

They're all part of a video game called Halo 3, the top-selling video game of 2007 that pre-sold more than 1 million copies two months before it even hit stores. In the first two weeks after its release, [Halo 3](#)—the third installment of Microsoft's first-person shooter game—made more than \$300 million in sales.

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# **BaptistWay Bible Series for April 6: What are you doing here?**

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for April 6**

## **What are you doing here?**

- 1 Kings 19:1-18

**[By Kenneth Jordan](#)**

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# **BaptistWay Bible Series for April 13: Disturbing the bliss of deception**

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for April 13**

## **Disturbing the bliss of deception**

- 1 Kings 22:6-28

[By Kenneth Jordan](#)

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## **Lubbock teen, 69-year-old woman connected through service**

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Alexis Vasquez,  
13, works outside  
the home of  
Antonia Ocón  
during her spring  
break. Vasquez  
said she  
discovered her  
love of service  
through Buckner.  
(Photos by Analiz  
Gonzalez/Buckner)

## Lubbock teen, 69-year-old woman connected through service

**By Analiz González**

*Buckner International*

VADO, N.M.—Antonia Ocón’s living room has a foot-wide hole in it. Spider webs cling to the room’s corners. The floor would break if anyone jumped. And the windows are peep holes covered by plastic.

“I spent my life picking chile, planting onions and gathering herbs for a living,” she said, stretching out sand-paper-rough hands as proof. “It was enough to help feed 10 children, but the sun gave me cancer.”



Antonia Ocón sits in a room in her home in Valdo, New Mexico. Ocón said she's suffered from skin cancer and is very grateful for the help the Buckner children are offering.

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## **Chaplain uses cookies to bring ‘home sweet home’ to troops in Iraq**

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**By John Hall**

BAGHDAD—For military personnel serving in Iraq, there's no place like home—even just a taste of it.

Soldiers find comfort in a coffee house run by Kari Maschhoff, a Baptist General Convention of Texas-endorsed chaplain. And they particularly like the homemade cookies they find there.

Soldiers find comfort—and homemade cookies—at a coffee house in Iraq run by Kari Maschhoff, a Baptist General Convention of Texas-endorsed chaplain.

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## **Beliefs alone not to blame when faith turns violent, scholars say**

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# Beliefs alone not to blame when faith turns violent, scholars say

By Greg Warner

*Associated Baptist Press*

ATLANTA (ABP)—Every faith group has its extremists, but not all extremists turn violent. What makes the difference?

While most religious violence follows common patterns, faith seldom turns violent except in response to social oppression, say experts who study extremists.

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## Fundamentalist now applies to ‘other groups that scare us’

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## Fundamentalist now applies to ‘other groups that scare us’

By Marv Knox

*Editor*

Were the 9/11 terrorists who flew airplanes into the Twin Towers fundamentalists?

Technically, no.