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By Rosemary Parrillo

Religion News Service

NEWARK, N.J. (RNS)—Jeremiah Wright's condemnation of the United States—particularly pronouncing damnation on America—looped hundreds of thousands of times on YouTube and news broadcasts. In the process, the pastor preached himself and his most famous church member, presidential contender Barack Obama, into a political maelstrom.

Quickly the question of race developed into a speed bump for the streaking Obama campaign, leading the candidate to try to set the record straight about his relationship with Wright, the fiery pastor who recently retired from Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ.

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Religion News Service

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Jeremiah Wright has called the federal government the “U.S. of K.K.K. A.” Just after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Wright said “America's chickens are coming home to roost.”

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Tarleton students see encounter with accident-victim as no accident

About a dozen students from Tarleton State University traveled to South Padre Island to offer free van rides, pancake breakfasts and words of Christian witness to partiers on spring break. But they never expected to render emergency first aid to accident victims and minister to anyone in a hospital.

“Our group had an experience unlike any I have ever encountered at beach reach in the past three years,” said Stephen Alexander, Baptist Student Ministries intern at Tarleton.

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At about 1 a.m., the volunteers who provided van rides came upon an accident scene. Fortunately, one of the Tarleton students, Brian Salge, is an emergency medical technician and trained first-responder.

“He was the first EMT on the scene and immediately started giving first aid,” Alexander recalled.

RIGHT or WRONG? Political correctness

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RIGHT or WRONG? Political correctness

More and more, when I treat people as I believe a Christian should, other people dismiss my actions by saying something like, "That's so PC"—politically correct. Even Christians seem to reject Jesus' statement, "Love one another." How should I respond?

DBU president's leukemia in remission

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DBU president's leukemia in remission

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

Dallas Baptist University President Gary Cook has learned his leukemia is in remission, and the possibility of a recurrence appears slim.

"I have wonderful news. God has healed me," Cook wrote in a March 25 posting on the DBU website. "The 1 million-cell genetic study has been completed, and I have no cancer cells. I am in remission!"

Bible Studies for Life Series for April 6: Moving out of your comfort zone

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Moving out of your comfort zone

- Genesis 12:1-8; 13:5-9, 14-16

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When others hate you

- Genesis 37:2-11, 17-20, 28

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Humans were created to be in relationship with other humans. It is one of our most basic needs. That need can create in us a strong desire to be accepted by others. We often look for validation of ourselves through seeking the approval of others. This in turn can lead us to exaggerate in describing our accomplishments and blame others for our faults or shortcomings.

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- Revelation 1:9-13,17-18; 3:14-22

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The Bible is full of great stories. Some of these inspire us to stretch our faith while others teach us insights into the character of God or the nature of the Christian life. Still other Bible stories shock and perhaps even disgust modern readers and many wonder why such stories were included in the Bible.