

Explore the Bible Series for February 24: Do you help or exploit?

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Do you help or exploit?

- Genesis 25:29-34; 27:6-8, 15-19, 34-36

[By Donald Raney](#)

First Baptist Church, Petersburg

Perhaps more than anything else (with the possible exception of sporting events) political campaigns spark numerous and often passionate water cooler and coffee shop discussions. One does not have to participate in one of these long before hearing, “they will say anything to get your vote.”

Bible Studies for Life Series for

February 17: The Messenger

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- Luke 10:1-12,16

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Baptists focus on relief after deadly storms hit Mid-South

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By Hannah Elliott & Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

JACKSON, Tenn. (ABP)—Baptist churches and organizations are both suffering and helping in the wake of deadly tornadoes that devastated the Mid-South Feb. 5-6.

According to initial National Weather Service reports, more than 60 tornadoes struck Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky and Alabama. The storms killed at least 56, making the event the deadliest tornado outbreak in the United States in more than 20 years.

Union University President David S. Dockery surveys damage to the Jackson, Tenn., campus after a Feb. 5 tornado. (Morris Abernathy Photo)

BaptistWay Bible Series for February 10: Discipleship in Dangerous Times

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Discipleship in Dangerous Times

- Mark 13:1-13, 32-37

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BaptistWay Bible Series for February 17: Not Me

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Not Me

- Mark 14:10-31

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Panhandle Pastor's and Laymen's Conference slated

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PLAINVIEW—Author Calvin Miller will be a keynote speaker at the 87th annual Panhandle Pastor's and Laymen's Conference, Feb. 18-19 at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Calvin Miller

Miller, a native of Enid, Okla., teaches at Samford University's Beeson Divinity School and has written more than 40 books of popular theology and inspiration.

Other key speakers on the program include Sandy Maddox from Orlando,

Fla., a veteran conference and retreat speaker who leads the Treasures of Heart and Home ministry, and Leighton Flowers, youth evangelism director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Musical guest Blake Bolerjack will perform mini-concerts during the Monday evening and Tuesday morning sessions.

Renewed violence forces Buckner to cancel mission trips to Kenya through May

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By Jenny Pope

Buckner International

DALLAS—All Buckner International mission trips to Kenya will be cancelled through May 2008, agency President Ken Hall said. The decision comes after violent unrest prompted by tainted presidential elections there Dec. 27.

The announcement follows a previous decision by Buckner to suspend mission trips until March. Hall and Vice President of Global Initiatives Randy Daniels announced the decision Jan. 30 after witnessing dangerous conditions first-hand in Nairobi and Kitale, Kenya.

Deadly Super Tuesday storms devastate Union University

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JACKSON, Tenn. (ABP)—Baptist-affiliated Union University was one of the hardest-hit spots as deadly tornadoes raked the Mid-South Feb. 5—the same day as Mardi Gras celebrations and the “Super Tuesday” primary elections.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention-related school’s campus sustained extensive damage as an evening tornado tore across the north side of Jackson, Tenn. The city of about 65,000 is located midway between Memphis and Nashville.

The *Jackson Sun* reported Feb. 6 that emergency workers rescued 13 students trapped in a demolished dormitory complex.

A rescue team carries a female student from a dorm where she was trapped by debris when walls collapsed during a tornado that ripped through Union University's campus on Feb. 5. (BP Photo/Morris Abernathy)

Union spokesman Tim Ellsworth told the paper that 51 students were transported to the hospital. While nine students had serious injuries, none of the injuries were life-threatening, he said. In an interview posted Feb. 6 on the website of local television station WBBJ, Ellsworth said school officials had confirmed that all of the seriously injured students “are going to be fine.”

Explore the Bible Series for February 17: Do you seek the Lord's guidance

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Explore the Bible Series for February 17

Do you seek the Lord's guidance

- Genesis 24:34-48

[By Donald Raney](#)

First Baptist Church, Petersburg

Anyone who has spent much time around a church certainly has heard that God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life. Believers understand that God desires to reveal that plan to each of us and to lead us in fulfilling that plan.

More than 1,600 Hispanic

Baptists gather for evangelism conference

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More than 1,600 Hispanic Baptists gather for evangelism conference

By Nora Frost

Texas Baptist Communications

HOUSTON—Tears fell like the emotional and spiritual baggage people carried to the Hispanic Evangelism Conference, sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas Feb. 1-2.

Conference participants crowded in front of the altar and into the aisles each night to make spiritual decisions. People embraced and prayed for one another and for non-Christians around them as they professed Christ as Lord.

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HOUSTON—Hispanics are a fast-growing population in the country, bringing with them increasing ministry opportunities. But those opportunities aren't addressed as easily as providing material and training in Spanish, said Frank Palos, Baptist General Convention of Texas director of Hispanic evangelism.

Worship culture for Hispanics is as diverse as its demographic composition. About 1,200 Hispanic congregations are affiliated with the BGCT. Although the majority of those churches worship mainly in Spanish, about one-third of them have bilingual worship services, and about 1 percent of the Hispanic churches worship in English.

Participants
pray at the
Hispanic
Evangelism
Conference
in Houston.
(Photo by
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New Baptist Covenant: Unity. Harmony. Now, what comes next?

By Marv Knox

Baptist Standard

ATLANTA—Fifteen thousand participants in the New Baptist Covenant convocation arrived in Atlanta Jan. 30 seeking unity in Christ and departed Feb. 1 wondering where their quest will lead.

In the meantime, they demonstrated racial, theological and geographic harmony as they prayed, sang, listened to sermons and attended workshops focusing on ministry to the people Jesus called "the least of these" in society.

Author John Grisham

The unprecedented event brought together African-American, Anglo, Asian-American and Hispanic Baptists. They represented 30 Baptist conventions and organizations, all affiliated with the North American Baptist

Fellowship, the regional affiliate of the Baptist World Alliance. They also heard from two former U.S. presidents, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, and a former vice president, Al Gore-all Baptists.