

# **Bible Studies for Life Series for February 10: The message**

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## **The message**

- Galatians 1:6-9, 11-12; 3:1-9

**[By Steve Dominy](#)**

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## **Everett to be nominated as BGCT executive director**

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## **Everett to be nominated as BGCT executive director**

**By John Hall**

*BGCT Communications*

DALLAS—The Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Director Search Committee will nominate Randel Everett to be the convention's next executive director.

The former president of the John Leland Center for Theological Studies in Arlington, Va., and senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Newport News, Va., will be nominated as the next BGCT executive director during the convention's next regular executive board meeting Feb. 25-26 in Dallas.

Randel Everett
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# **Bible Studies for Life Series for February 3: Breakthrough in confidence**

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**Bible Studies for Life Series for February 3**

## **The motive**

- Luke 15:1-2, 11-24

[By Steve Dominy](#)

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# Explore the Bible Series for February 3: Do you care about others?

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## Do you care about others?

- Genesis 18:20-26, 19:12-16

[By Donald Raney](#)

*First Baptist Church, Petersburg*

In his work titled *The Apology*, the early church leader Tertullian sought to defend the beliefs and practices of the young church to the rulers of the Roman Empire. According to Tertullian, one of the most often expressed comments about the church by those outside the church was, "Look at how much they love each other."

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# Buckner explores needs in Mexico

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A girl at a Zapoteco village in a Oaxaca mountain makes corn tortillas by hand. The people in this community live in one-bedroom aluminum homes with dirt floors. (Photos by Russ Dilday/Buckner)

## Buckner explores needs in Mexico

**By Analiz González**

*Buckner International*

MEXICO CITY—Observers of Mexico say it’s hard to speak of the country in absolute terms. Its needs are as varied as the multiple versions of “Mexican food” people eat in the United States.

Mexico has hundreds of people-groups with dozens of languages, lifestyles and dialects. In the cities, adults often crowd into forsaken rooms in overpopulated barrios.


Dexton Shores, director of ministry development in Mexico and the Border, speaks with a child in Oaxaca. Shores is identifying needs in Mexico for future church missions and ministry opportunities.

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**By Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

WASHINGTON (ABP)—As abortion-rights supporters and pro-life activists marked the 35th anniversary of the decision that legalized the procedure nationwide, new statistics show fewer women are choosing abortion.

A new study, released just days before the Jan. 22 anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, showed the United States' abortion rate is at its lowest in more than 30 years.

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Cizik, vice  
president of  
governmental  
affairs for the  
National  
Association  
of  
Evangelicals.

## Christian voters broadening political agenda, evangelical panelists say

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*Associated Baptist Press*

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The Washington auditorium that once hosted a news program famous for back-and-forth arguments between political opponents instead recently featured a very different dialogue—a group of evangelical Christians denouncing the religious and political polarization of the last two presidential campaign cycles.

Panel participants, who ranged from former supporters of President Bush to some of his most vehement Christian critics, addressed the question, "Choosing a president: What do evangelicals really want?"



Jim Wallis,  
founder of  
Sojourners/Call  
to Renewal

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# Friends of Jesus share good news with their parents

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Children gather  
outside the  
Martínez home  
to worship after  
Bible class.  
(Photos by Russ  
Dilday/Buckner)

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OAXACA, Mexico — In southern Mexico, a group of recent Christian converts meets in a colonia in Oaxaca. And all the new believers are under age 15.

They study the Bible. They worship on the street Fridays and fearlessly invite others to learn about God. They know God changed their lives, and they share their faith with their parents.



Sergio, 9, sits and talks with Marco Antonio Martínez after an Amigos de Jesus meeting. Sergio is an orphan who has bonded with the Martínez family.

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# **CERI launches child-sponsorship program in Sri Lanka**

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**By Haley Smith**

*Baptist Child & Family Services*

Three years after a massive tsunami triggered an international outpouring of support for Sri Lanka and opened the door for a Texas Baptist agency to establish that nation's foster care program, relief funds that had been used to help orphaned children are nearly depleted.

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## **2nd Opinion: What Is God Saying?**

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# 2nd Opinion: What Is God Saying?

**By Mike Midkiff**

*Pastor, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Marshall*

The last two months have been very interesting for me driving around Harrison County. My two sons, Andrew and Ashton, have given me a new nickname. They call me “Crash” because of the three wrecks I have had.

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*Associated Baptist Press*

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (ABP)—Mike Huckabee’s role in the holy war that divided the Southern Baptist Convention was as delicate a balancing act as

the one he's attempting now in his presidential campaign, balancing grassroots populism and right-wing conservatism.

Moreover, Huckabee's nuanced role in denominational politics may have something to do with why the former Arkansas governor, despite earning a grassroots following among conservative evangelicals in early primaries, has failed to garner clear support from the Religious Right's powerbrokers.

Mike Huckabee, shown as a young pastor and as governor of Arkansas speaking to Baptist newspaper editors in 1998. (Right photo by Jim Veneman)