

# Official confirms church-starting fund probe in U.S. Attorney's Office

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**By Ken Camp**

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BROWNSVILLE—Contrary to an Internet blogger's assertions, all documents pertaining to a probe into misappropriated Texas Baptist church-starting funds in the Rio Grande Valley have been turned over to federal authorities, a high-ranking official in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Houston said.

Tim Johnson, first assistant in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the southern district of Texas, confirmed receipt of materials related to a Baptist General Convention of Texas-initiated investigation into allegations of fraud and misappropriation of church-starting funds.

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# **BaptistWay Bible Series for September 23: Hereâ€™s the solution**

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for September 23**

## **Here's the solution**

- Romans 3:21-31

[By Andrew Daugherty](#)

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# **Bible Studies for Life Series for Sept. 23: Handling success successfully**

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**Bible Studies for Life Series for September 23**

## **Handling success successfully**

- Daniel 4:4-5,28-37

[By Steve Dominy](#)

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## **Explore the Bible Series for September 23: Always trust Christ**

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**Explore the Bible Series for September 23**

## **Always trust Christ**

- Matthew 8:1-9:34

[By Travis Frampton](#)

*Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene*

In Matthew's Gospel, people who are "religious" often misunderstand the life, ministry and teachings of Jesus. The Pharisees have problems with

Jesus' authority. They understand him as a threat to their position of power within the Jewish community. The Sadducees, who did not accept notions of an afterlife, spirits and angels, debate with him over interpretation of the Law and vehemently oppose him on the idea of the resurrection. The chief priests, elders and scribes worked with the Roman government to bring Jesus to trial and considered plans for his execution.

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## **Texas students befriend Afghan refugees in California\_41805**

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**By Traci Rylands**

*Cooperative Baptist Fellowship*

FREMONT, Calif.—Pastor Paul McGovern knew Crossroads Church had a heart for global missions. What he didn't know was that a group of Afghan refugees in desperate need lived less than a mile from the church.

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# Fire destroys First Church, Dripping Springs

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**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

DRIPPING SPRINGS—A fire beginning in the 106-year-old sanctuary of First Baptist Church in Dripping Springs brought the structure to the ground Sept. 5. The fellowship hall was left standing, but Pastor Lanny Tanton suspected it would also have to be razed.

No one was present when the fire began, so there were no injuries. While the final report is not in, the genesis of the fire is believed to be electrical.

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## BaptistWay Bible Series for September 16: Just not good

# enough

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for September 16**

## Just not good enough

- Romans 2:17-29

[By Andrew Daugherty](#)

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## Explore the Bible Series for September 16: Strive for godly perfection

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**Explore the Bible Series for September 16**

## Strive for godly perfection

- Matthew 4:17-7:29

[By Travis Frampton](#)

*Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene*

When the old generation of Israelites died in the wilderness after wandering 40 years, Moses assembled their descendants, the new generation, east of the Jordan River and told them to “listen to the statutes and laws which I proclaim to you this day. Learn them, and be careful to observe them” (Deuteronomy 5:1). Shortly thereafter, he recited the Ten Commandments.

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# **Texas Baptist museum to be remodeled**

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# Texas Baptist museum to be remodeled

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

INDEPENDENCE—The [Texas Baptist Historical Museum](#) is set to be remodeled and expanded.

Designs are being drawn for a reworked museum that leaders hope will open in 2008 and include more exhibit space, a theatre and a patio area. Alan Lefever, director of the Texas Baptist Historical Collection, said the improvements are meant to help visitors quickly understand Texas Baptist history.



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# Fidelity to God's calling motivates musician

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*Staff Writer*

CARROLLTON—[Blake Bolerjack](#) enjoys singing for congregations throughout Texas and Oklahoma. The concert and recording ministry he began two years ago is beginning to blossom—and he and his bride of less than two years, Jenna, are thrilled about that.

But the most invigorating thing is that they believe they are living and ministering squarely in the center of God's will.

Blake  
and  
Jenna  
Bolerjack  
perform  
a  
Christian  
music  
concert  
at a  
North  
Texas  
church.  
(Photo  
by  
George  
Henson)

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# Three-minute challenge exposes more than 4,600 bikers to gospel

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S.D., during  
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## Three-minute challenge exposes more than 4,600 bikers to gospel

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

STURGIS, S.D.—The field was black and blue, covered in leather and denim, but four men from [Immanuel Baptist Church](#) in Paris were among those who could tell that it was white and ready for harvest.

The event was the world's largest motorcycle rally held each August in Sturgis, S.D. It has swelled to include a half-million people who crowd its streets—all in a town with a population of less than 7,000 people the other 51 weeks of the year.

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# Cybercolumn by Brett Younger: Life is short

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## CYBER COLUMN: Life is short

**By Brett Younger**

When our oldest son was born, friends came to the hospital, asked to hold the baby, and commented on how glad they were that he looked like his mother. As they were leaving, several said something like, "Don't blink, because that's how long it will be before he's off to college."

At the time, I thought it was a stupid comment. I knew any child of Carol's was going to be smart, but he wasn't ready for college.

Brett Younger
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