

Cybercolumn by Brett Younger: Walking in someone else's flip flops

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By Brett Younger

The camp newspaper's list of "Rejected Camp Themes for 2007" included: "Discovering Your Inner Samson," "Find the Meaning of Life in Your Own Pockets," "Near-Death Experience Week" and "Old-Fashioned Week O' Bible Sword Drills."

The theme of youth camp for me is usually something like: "The Crippling Effects of Sleep Deprivation," "Five Days without Dress Shoes" or "Much Too Young to Feel This Old."

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By Rebekah Hardage

Communications Intern

WACO—Sara Phillips has embarked this summer on a journey that she has been preparing for her whole life—missions in the Middle East.

The winding path Phillips has followed has led her to a place where she believes God has been calling her all along. “God had missions written all over me since he first claimed me,” Phillips said.

World Changers bridge

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DALLAS—Clareissa Collins' home of 50 years is full of good memories. This summer, it is getting a facelift from some young people almost a third her age, and she couldn't be more excited.

The volunteers are a part of the World Changers program, which gives students the opportunity to step out of their comfort zones and into low-income areas for a week to offer help. About 150 young people from Missouri, Georgia, Alabama, Illinois and throughout Texas served in the Dallas area.



Will
Barker
from
Fort
Worth
works
with
World
Changers
on a
home in
Dallas.
(Photos
by
Rebekah
Hardage)

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By Barbara Bedrick

Texas Baptist Communications

The Baptist General Convention of Texas will resurrect its statewide evangelism conference next winter.

The event, called Engage, will be held at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall Jan. 13-15, BGCT evangelism leader Jon Randles announced.

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(DALLAS)—For the fifteenth consecutive year, *U.S. News & World Report* has designated Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas among the nation's top 50 hospitals in its 2007 “[America's Best Hospitals](#)” issue.

Baylor Dallas ranked among the nation's best hospitals in seven of 16

specialty areas—digestive disorders (31st), endocrinology (31st), gynecology (28th), kidney disease (29th), orthopedics (23rd), respiratory disorders (33rd) and urology (44th).

Additionally, Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation ranked 15th among the nation's top rehabilitation facilities. Baylor Rehab has been recognized in the rehabilitation category 10 years.

Baylor Dallas and Baylor Rehab are two of 173 hospitals nationally to be ranked in the magazine's 18th annual "America's Best Hospitals" issue, released July 16th.

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A prominent family of Texas Baptist philanthropists

has given a big boost—and a challenge—to the campaign to create a permanent home for the [Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty](#).

BJC Executive Director Brent Walker announced June 29 that the Baugh family had given \$500,000 to boost the group's campaign to build the Center for Religious Liberty on Capitol Hill.

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Park
Cities
CHAMPS
camp
staff
directs
his
camper
to the
Bible
verse for
the
night's
devotion.
(Photos
by
Jessica
Dooley)

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By Jessica Dooley

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DALLAS—Two years ago, when Michal Powell was tutoring students through Buckner International's Kids Hope USA program at Dan D. Rodgers Elementary School, she met an 11-year-old boy named Gabriel. He lived in a two-bedroom apartment complex with his mother, father, grandfather, 8-year-old twin siblings, three brothers, and 16-year-old sister and her 2-year-old son.

"Leaving the school after one of our sessions, I was struck by two things," said Powell, a member of Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas. "First, I was amazed at how very similar Gabriel was to my own sons.



SMU football player Caleb Peveto takes time to explain skills of the game to children attending the CHAMPS Sports Camp, hosted by Park Cities Baptist Church.

In spite of disabilities, author sees life from the bright

sideâ

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In spite of disabilities, author sees life from 'the bright side'

By Jessica Dooley

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HEMPHILL—Doctors told Mary Howell's parents their daughter—born with cerebral palsy—would never walk or talk. But with the encouragement of family and friends—and her strong faith in God—Howell exceeded all expectations.

She not learned to walk and talk, but also became an award-winning small town newspaper editor.

Author
Mary
Howell
with
copies
of her
book,
*Life on
the
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By Whitney Farr

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It has happened to almost everyone. A hurried person tries to open a door clearly labeled “push” and slams into an entry that won’t open.

Sometimes, women’s ministry feels the same way, said Debra Hochgraber, women’s ministry specialist with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—An independent federal panel charged with monitoring global conditions for religious liberty has once again elevated an evangelical scholar and leader as its chairman.

The United States [Commission for International Religious Freedom](#) also elected a Southern Baptist agency head and a prominent human-rights lawyer as vice-chairs for 2007-2008.

BWA leaders at Ghana gathering call for repentance, forgiveness for slavery

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By Trennis Henderson

Kentucky Western Recorder

ACCRA, Ghana (ABP)—Gathered in the courtyard of Ghana's Cape Coast Slave Castle, members of Baptist World Alliance held a somber service of memory and reconciliation July 5.

The British built the slave castle, perched on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, in 1665. The fortress housed dark, dank dungeons for thousands of male and female slaves and a “door of no return,” where they were crammed into ships headed for the Americas, the Caribbean and Europe. An estimated 20 million Africans were uprooted and enslaved during the trans-Atlantic slave trade that stretched from the 15th to 19th centuries.

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By Tony Cartledge

N.C. Biblical Recorder

ACCRA, Ghana (ABP)—Representatives attending the Baptist World Alliance Annual Gathering in Accra, Ghana, celebrated freedom during a plenary session July 4.

BWA President David Coffey of England noted the near-concurrence of America's Independence Day, Ghana's Republic Day (July 1), and the July 4 release of a British journalist who had been held hostage in Palestine.