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By George Henson

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BELTON—A semester-long partnership between marketing students at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and five churches in Williamson Baptist Association received a passing grade from all involved.

Clint Anderson, director of missions for the association, initially conceived the project. The first semester of the year, the students helped the association with market research, with an eye toward putting a marketing plan together for the association the second semester.

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By Rebekah Hardage

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DALLAS—The high school dropout rate among Hispanics in Texas is almost 50 percent, but two North Texas churches are doing their part to change that statistic.

Through Buckner Children and Family Services' Kids Hope USA program, Iglesia Bautista Getsemani in Fort Worth and Primera Iglesia Bautista in Arlington have committed to mentor children in elementary schools. They are the first Hispanic congregations to participate in the national initiative.

CYBER COLUMN by Jinny

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By Jinny Henson

I want to clear up something,

I think you have mis-heard

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By Hannah Elliott & Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (ABP)—Southern Baptists in California have started a new alternative state convention that will compete with the 67-year-old California Southern Baptist Convention for denominational loyalty.

California is the fourth state to witness such a move, joining Texas, Missouri and Virginia. In those states, alternative Baptist conventions have resulted in competition with the established conventions for contributions and membership.

Baptist newspapers, ABP create new media venture

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Associated Baptist Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (ABP)—The *Baptist Standard* has joined with three other Baptist communication organizations to form a new media venture that will collaborate on expansive websites, print publications and other media options for Baptists.

The partnership, tentatively called NeoVox, currently includes Associated Baptist Press and the historic Baptist newspapers of three states—the *Baptist Standard* of Texas, the *Religious Herald* of Virginia, and *Word & Way* of Missouri.

BaptistWay Bible Series for July 8: Faith and hope when we donâ€™t understand

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Faith and hope when we don't understand

• Job 40:3-9; 42:1-12

[By Paul Hamilton](#)

Bible Studies for Life Series for July 8: Finding a place of service

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Finding a place of service

- Acts 6:1-7; 9:36-43; 11:29-30

[By David Harp](#)

Explore the Bible Series for July 8: Abundant life begins with commitment

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Explore the Bible Series for July 8

Abundant life begins with commitment

• Haggai 1:1-2:23

[By Kathryn Aragon](#)

First Baptist Church, Duncanville

We live in a time of committal crisis, when loyalty to self far outweighs loyalty to any other person or institution. It was introduced decades ago by the Me Generation. But throughout the years, “me first” has become a way of life, and the results have been anything but good.

KidsHeart volunteers say God worked miracles with Kool-Aid and crafts

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Team members from
First Baptist
in Memphis conducted
Vacation Bible
School at Sparks
Colonia as part of
KidsHeart El Paso.
(Photos by Jenny
Pope/Buckner)

KidsHeart volunteers say God worked miracles with Kool-Aid and crafts

By Whitney Farr

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EL PASO—As Hubert Jones and his missions team entered the impoverished Sparks Colonia on the outskirts of El Paso, he questioned whether the church group could make an impact.

But as he mentally began to list all his inadequacies, a group of small children behind him started to sing, “My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there’s nothing my God cannot do.”



The kids in colonias near Fort Hancock were all smiles as they recieved their new shoes, donated by Buckner International's Shoes for Orphan Souls, and ate hotdogs with the volunteers.

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Evolution, abortion rights and other issues important to religious conservatives reared their heads once again in the third debate between Republican presidential candidates.

Following a question that made headlines at the first GOP debate a month earlier, one of the debate moderators asked specific candidates about their views on evolution. At the previous debate, three had raised their hands when asked if they did not believe in evolution.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—If conservative Christian voters want to know why a Baptist preacher is being bested in the GOP primary polls by three

candidates who have had rocky relationships with the Religious Right, they need to look at the bottom line, Mike Huckabee said.

“Pure and simple, it’s money,” the former Arkansas governor and presidential hopeful said. “But the sad thing is that money is driving the media’s perception of it.”

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—On national television, John Edwards admitted that he sins every day, Barack Obama said there’s “a biblical injunction” to give prisoners the tools they need to rehabilitate themselves, and Hillary Clinton said the support of “prayer warriors” had helped her get through the most difficult times of her marriage and life.

It wasn’t a church service. It was a first-of-its-kind forum on faith, values

and poverty for the top three contenders for the Democrats' 2008 presidential nomination. It was also, some observers said, further evidence that the Democratic Party is trying to regain ground it has ceded to the Republicans among voters who are active Christians.