

Bible Studies for Life Series for July 1: Remember the Lord is God

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United we stand

- Acts 2:41-47; 4:23-24; 29-35

[By David Harp](#)

Explore the Bible Series for July 1: Humility can prevent a fall

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Humility can prevent a fall

- Zephaniah 1:12-15; 2:1-3; 3:11-12

[**By Kathryn Aragon**](#)

First Baptist Church, Duncanville

This week's lesson is from the book of Zephaniah, which foretells the destruction of Judah by the Chaldeans (or Babylonians). The book outlines God's outrage over worship of false gods, the coming judgment and God's mercy toward those who obey him.

Baptist bloggers calling it quits, turning to other methods, ministry

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By Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (ABP)—The most prominent Baptist bloggers who led a two-year revolt against the Southern Baptist Convention establishment have abandoned their Internet-fueled campaign, but they insist they will continue the crusade for more openness in the SBC with other methods.

Marty Duren, Benjamin Cole and several other young voices in the denomination announced recently they won't be blogging about SBC issues anymore.

In historic move, First Baptist Decatur calls Waco woman as senior pastor

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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

DECATUR, Ga. (ABP)—First Baptist Church of Decatur, Ga., has become the largest church associated with the Southern Baptist Convention or the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to hire a woman as senior pastor.

In a closed business session after Sunday morning worship June 17, nearly 400 members voted to call Julie Pennington-Russell as minister. The proposal, approved by a show of hands, went unchallenged in a discussion session.

Julie Pennington-
Russell

Wife of evangelist Billy Graham close to death

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Ruth Graham, wife of evangelist Billy Graham, dead at 87

By Matt Kennedy

Associated Baptist Press

MONTREAT, N.C. (ABP)—Ruth Graham, the wife of evangelist Billy Graham, died June 14 at her home at Little Piney Cove in Montreat, N.C. She was 87.

An author, philanthropist, Congressional Gold Medal winner and mother of five, Graham fell into a coma June 13. Her health declined rapidly from a bout with pneumonia a few weeks prior. She had been bedridden for

several years with degenerative osteoarthritis.

BaptistWay Bible Series for June 24: A desperate cry for hope

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A desperate cry for hope

- Job 16:1-8, 18-21; 19:1-7, 23-27

[By Crystal Leake](#)

Bible Studies for Life Series for June 24: Renew your devotion

daily

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Renew your devotion daily

- Deuteronomy 28:10-15; 30:1-3, 6, 11-14, 19-20

[By David Harp](#)

BaptistWay Bible Series for June 24: A desperate cry for hope

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Explore the Bible Series for June 24

Habakkuk's lessons on genuine prayer

- Habakkuk 1:2-3, 5-6, 13; 2:2-4; 3:16-19

By Kathryn Aragon

First Baptist Church, Duncanville

Some say God answers prayer in three ways: "Yes," "No" or "Wait." Others encourage us to "pray it through," suggesting either our lack of faith or the spiritual powers that be are preventing our prayers from reaching heaven.

Cheap cheese heroin a deadly snare for teens

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Cheap cheese heroin a deadly snare for teens

By George Henson

Staff Writer

DALLAS—A killer is stalking Hispanic teenagers, and it is beginning to claim a wider circle of victims, a group of Dallas-area youth ministers recently learned.

The killer drug—cheese heroin—has become a favorite of many Hispanic teens, because a single dose in a small plastic bag sells for only about \$2, said Javier Rios, a drug intervention/prevention and gang consultant with

the Dallas Independent School District and interim pastor of Iglesia Bautista Compañerismo Oikos.

Faith and hip-hop culture combine in beach ministry

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Baptists ministered to this young man by praying for his safety at Texas Beach Reach 2007 in Galveston. (Photos courtesy of JoePix)

Faith and hip-hop culture combine in beach ministry

By **Barbara Bedrick**

Texas Baptist Communications

GALVESTON—Wearing the signature red bandana of the “Bloods” gang, Marcus jumped from his Mustang convertible, popped open the trunk and pulled out an AK-47. His friends shouted: “Shoot ‘em! Shoot ‘em!”

The potentially deadly face-off developed after another driver cut in front of Marcus’ car, ripping off its front end.

Buckner helps single mothers on the road to self-sufficiency

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Buckner
Family
Pathways
graduates
Leslie Melton,
Jasmine
Dabbs, Robin
Cole, Kimberly
Evans and
Karina
Espericueta
join together
one last time
before
leaving the
self-sufficiency
program.
(Photos by
Whitney Farr)

Buckner helps single mothers on the road to self-sufficiency

By Whitney Farr

Communications Intern

The women traveled a dark road. They spent years trying to get somewhere but always ended up in the same place. They were single moms struggling to provide, and their road was filled with potholes—unpaid bills, little mouths to feed and employers who required higher education which, due to

responsibilities, they could not attain.

But Buckner Family Pathways, a self-sufficiency program based in Dallas, was out on the road in front of the group, filling in potholes with things like rental subsidies and child care, making the road of life a little smoother.

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CYBER COLUMN: Stomping, shouting, and listening for God

By Brett Younger

Two weeks ago, my 13-year-old son, Caleb, and I decided at the last minute to go to a Fort Worth Cats baseball game. We bought our general admission tickets and headed out to right field to find a seat, but the people in our section weren't sitting. We hadn't realized that they had given general admission tickets to this game to all of the elementary school students in the Fort Worth ISD who had perfect attendance. The bleachers were overflowing with 7- and 8-year-olds attending what appeared to be their first baseball game.

They didn't show any signs of interest in the game itself, but they were fascinated with stomping on the metal bleachers. Unfortunately, they had more enthusiasm than rhythm. It sounded like hail on a tin roof. When they tried to clap in time, it also was without any recognizable rhythm. We were, however, in sync when we sang YMCA with the motions.

Brett
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