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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)—One of the most comprehensive studies of its kind suggests Muslims in the United States are far better assimilated into the nation's culture—and far less likely to espouse extremist beliefs—than their counterparts in Europe.

The stark contrasts between the two groups may have something to do with the American traditions of religious freedom and church-state separation, according to experts in the field.

BaptistWay Bible Series for June10: Authentic faith is not contingent on circumstance

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Authentic faith is not contingent on circumstance

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[By Adam Grubb](#)

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By Marv Knox

Editor

WACO—More than 1,300 family and friends flooded First Baptist Church in Waco May 30, bidding farewell to Herbert H. Reynolds, the 11th president of Baylor University, lauded as “a friend to all true Baptists.”

Reynolds died of an apparent heart attack May 25, a day after he and his wife, Joy, arrived at their summer home in Angel Fire, N.M. He was 77.

"A great leader has fallen, and he has left an empty space in our hearts, in our lives, in our community," Paul Powell, dean of Baylor's George W. Truett Theological Seminary and a friend of Reynolds' for 26 years, told the crowd.

Herbert H.
Reynolds
speaking at
the
inauguration
of Baylor
President
John Lilley in
April 2006.
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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (ABP)—Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee has cancelled plans to speak at the [New Baptist Covenant Celebration](#) next January because of organizer Jimmy Carter's recent criticism of President Bush.

Carter criticized Bush's foreign policy in a May 19 interview with the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. "I think as far as the adverse impact on the nation around the world, this administration has been the worst in history," Carter said.

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By Bill Webb

Missouri Word & Way

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (ABP)—Eleven ministers who supported

fundamentalists' efforts to take control of the Missouri Baptist Convention now say that the people they put in power have taken conservatism too far.

The group voiced its concerns publicly in a "Save Our Convention" information session May 15 at First Baptist Church of Harvester in St. Charles, Mo. The meeting drew about 175 people.

TBM trains Mexico's top-ranking officials in disaster response

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By Barbara Bedrick

Texas Baptist Communications

JUAREZ, Mexico—The ongoing partnership between Baptists in Texas and Mexico led to an opportunity to provide disaster response training for top-ranking Mexican government officials.

Texas Baptist Men volunteers also helped equip Mexican leaders and pastors for future emergencies through the help of three Baptist churches

in Juarez.

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Memorial services have been set for former Baylor University President Herbert H. Reynolds.

Reynolds [died Friday](#) of an apparent heart attack while on vacation in Angel Fire, N.M. He was 77.

Reynolds served as Baylor's 11th president from 1981, when he replaced Abner McCall, until he retired from the office in 1995, becoming Baylor chancellor the next day. In 2000, a year in which he received the Baylor Founders Medal, Reynolds stepped down as chancellor and became president emeritus.

Though no formal visitation is planned, anyone wishing to pay respect at Reynolds, casket can do so Monday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wilkirson-Hatch-Bailey Funeral Home, 6101 Bosque Blvd., and Tuesday from 4 to 9 p.m. in the Paul W. Powell Chapel at the

George W. Truett Theological Seminary on the Baylor campus, according to funeral home officials.

RIGHT or WRONG? Responding to tragedy

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In light of the recent events at Virginia Tech, how can my church respond to this tragedy—and others like it? And what can my congregation do to prevent alienation, hostility and anger around us?

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—Many social observers agree: few figures in the second half of the 20th century proved as polarizing in American popular and political culture as Jerry Falwell, who died May 15 at the age of 73.

But the outspoken preacher and political activist, who preached a black-and-white gospel and described a world of evil versus good in equally stark terms, left behind a legacy far more nuanced and complex.

Jerry Falwell
[speaking at](#)
[Southwestern](#)
[Baptist](#)
[Theological](#)
[Seminary](#) in
2004.
(SWBTS
Photo by
Matt Miller)

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ATLANTA (ABP)—Organizers for next January's New Baptist Covenant gathering announced the speakers for the historic three-day meeting—with former President Jimmy Carter making good on a pledge to enlist prominent Republican Baptists to complement the mostly Democratic headliners.

Republican Senators Lindsay Graham (S.C.) and Charles Grassley (Iowa) have been named participants for the Jan. 30-Feb. 1 New Baptist Covenant Celebration in Atlanta, billed as the broadest Baptist meeting in America since Baptists divided over slavery before the Civil War. Organizers hope to attract 20,000 people to the event.

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Jim Humphries on a motorcycle during the time he and his wife were missionaries in Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh City. They are planning a reunion for their former church members July 27-29 in Tyler.
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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

TYLER (ABP)—Jim and Mary Humphries are planning a reunion for members of their former church, Trinity Baptist in Saigon, now called Ho Chi Minh City. They haven't seen many of their mostly military church members in over 35 years. But they expect to reconnect as if they had never left.

"The bond formed between military men and women and missionaries who worked beside them has grown through the years and is now stronger than ever before," Mary Humphries said. "That was a very special time in the lives of all who served together."

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

The Baptist General Convention of Texas will not file lawsuits to recover church-starting money apparently mismanaged in the Rio Grande Valley.

Civil litigation would be costly and complex, and the statute of limitations could prevent recovery of a significant portion of the misappropriated money, attorney Stephen Wakefield wrote in a letter to the BGCT Executive Board. BGCT Executive Director Charles Wade reported the recommendation to the board at its May 21-22 meeting in Dallas.