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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

WACO—In a meeting organizers hope will strengthen and encourage mission work, Baptist leaders described a need to create a culture where missions is integral to the Christian lifestyle.

About 100 missions leaders from agencies, institutions, conventions and churches gathered at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary at the invitation of Baptist General Convention of Texas President Steve Vernon and Executive Director Charles Wade.

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## **Kimball responds to 'Allah'**

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**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

A religion professor's [statements at a Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission conference](#) that Christianity and Islam talk about "the same God" prompted two associations of churches to ask Baptist General Convention of Texas leaders to clarify the convention's doctrinal position.

At a February Christian Life Commission conference in Austin, Charles Kimball of Wake Forest University said regarding Islamic teaching about Allah: "It's the same God that Jews and Christians are talking about."

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Charles  
Kimball,  
religion  
professor at  
Wake Forest  
University,  
says his  
address was  
not  
significantly  
different  
than  
“anything  
I’ve been  
saying for  
30-something  
years.”

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# **Evangelicals unite to push immigration reform**

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**By Robert Marus**

*ABP Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A broad variety of evangelicals and other Christian groups and leaders launched a new campaign May 7 to get Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform.

With a Washington press conference and ads in two major Capitol Hill publications, [Christians for Comprehensive Immigration Reform](#) launched a campaign that will include both a media strategy in states with large numbers of immigrants and a grassroots organizing campaign.

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## **BaptistWay Bible Series for May 20: Sharing the gospel with skeptics**

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# Sharing the gospel with skeptics

- Acts 17:10-11, 16-34

[By Leroy Fenton](#)

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## Bible Studies for Life Series for May 20: We all need to be peacemakers

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**Bible Studies for Life Series for May 20**

## We all need to be peacemakers

- Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 5:13- 6:5

[By David Harp](#)

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# Explore the Bible Series for May 20: Seeking truth in an age of error

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**Explore the Bible Series for May 20**

## Seeking truth in an age of error

- 2 Peter 2:1-3, 12-14, 17-22

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

*First Baptist Church, Duncanville*

Last week, we talked about the game of telephone—a great party game, but a poor Bible study method. This week, we're going to discuss why.

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## Ethiopian child finds a place to call home

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**By Miranda Bradley**

*Children At Heart Foundation*

Ask 8-year-old Israel about his family, he becomes quiet. Already shy, the boy looks down at his small hands, quietly refusing to respond. But ask him about [Texas Baptist Children's Home](#), and he has no trouble expressing his joy.

It's a far cry from two years ago, when Israel arrived from Ethiopia—unable to speak English and unable to find a place to call home.

Eight-year-old Israel from Ethiopia.
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## UMHB students learn as they serve through Habitat

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Students  
from the  
University of  
Mary Hardin-  
Baylor  
learned  
carpentry as  
they helped  
on a Habitat  
for Humanity  
project.

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**By Jennifer Sicking**

*University of Mary Hardin-Baylor*

BELTON—When Sherman Wilkins participated in a [University of Mary Hardin-Baylor](#) outreach program his first year, he “fell in love” with the idea of volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. Never mind he didn’t know much about using a hammer and saw.

“My first day on a habitat job site, I was clueless on what services the different tools functioned for,” said Wilkins, a senior from Hamlet, N.C., who is now president of the UMHB Habitat for Humanity chapter. “During every scheduled volunteer build, Habitat provides supervisors to oversee the construction in which they educate inexperienced individuals on the proper technique for the use the tools.”





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# **CYBER COLUMN by Jinny Henson: Tribute to Mom**

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## **CYBER COLUMN: Tribute to Mom**

**By Jinny Henson**

Susana Wesley, mother of Methodist Church founders John and Charles, often is credited for raising children who would, well, launch a denomination. Intelligent and stern, she wore her hair in a holiness bun and baked bread at 4 am. My mother wore Loving Care # 2247 and fed us biscuits during the 1977-78 school year because Food-a-rama had them on sale. Legend has it that Susana delivered sermons and prayed for hours for her 10 children. My mom preached at the three of us and prayed for a week that toilet would heal itself before she'd call the plumber.

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Jinny  
Henson

Very ready to laugh at life in general and herself in particular, my mom never took herself too seriously. You never can escape the blessing that having a secure woman for a mother brings. It permeates your soul in a lasting way like Ritz dye to white capri pants, leaving not one fiber untouched. I never heard her agonize over what to wear or wallow in self-pity. She was decisive, intuitive, strong and ever amused at how God had put her children together.

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## Around the State

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- **Two vision trips for border/Mexico missions are fast approaching.**

The Querétaro vision trip starts with a May 2 flight to Mexico City and participants return May 5. A trip to Oaxaca will be from May 20 to 23. For more information about the trips and available scholarships, call (888) 333-2363.

- Dallas will participate in the **National Day of Prayer** May 3 with an old-fashioned tent revival on Gaston Avenue at Haskell at 11:45 a.m. Daily tent meetings are being held there morning and evening until then. First Church in Dallas and Prestonwood Church in Plano are among the

churches and organizations sponsoring the effort.



The B.H.  
Carroll  
Institute  
conferred its  
first certified  
degrees to  
Larry Howell  
(center left),  
diploma in  
Christian  
ministry, and  
Betty Dilday  
(center right),  
master of arts  
in religion.  
Participating  
in the  
ceremony  
were Bruce  
Corley (left),  
senior fellow  
and president  
of the  
institute, and  
Russell  
Dilday,  
chancellor of  
the school.  
For more  
information  
about the  
school, call  
(817)  
274-4284.

- **Panfork Camp** in Wellington will hold its senior adult day May 4. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. and events will continue through the middle of the afternoon. Lunch will be served. The cost is \$10. For more information, call (806) 665-3152.

- **The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor** will hold its 10th annual Senior Saints Summit May 14-17 for people 55 and older. Participants live on campus for four days of seminars, singing, worship, fellowship and Bible study. Wallace Davis will be the summit preacher, Dan Woolridge the Bible teacher and Larry Putman the worship leader. Other highlights include daily morning devotionals, special interest breakout sessions, fellowship times, a talent show and games. The cost is \$135 per person or \$250 per married couple to stay on campus, or \$95 for commuters staying off campus. For more information, call (254) 295-4606.

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## **Turkish Baptists fear threats after murders, civil unrest**

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**By Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

IZMIR, Turkey (ABP)'—Turkey's handful of Baptists and other evangelical Christians fear increased persecution as the nation continues to reel from political upheaval and the brutal murder of three Christians, allegedly by radical Islamists.

Meanwhile, Turkish Christians of all stripes, their allies in Europe and American officials are calling on the nation to prove its commitment to religious freedom.

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## **Daughter of former Truett dean killed in car wreck**

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### **Daughter of former Truett dean killed in car wreck**

Caitlin Creed, a freshman social work major at Baylor University, was killed April 30 in an automobile accident near Palestine. She was traveling to her grandmother's house in Tyler to prepare for exams.

She was the daughter of Brad Creed, former dean of Truett Seminary and now provost at Samford University, and his wife, Cathy.

She was a member of Tri Delta Sorority and attended Highland Baptist Church in Waco.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. May 3, at Autry Funeral Home, 1025 SE Loop 456, in Jacksonville, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. May 4, at Central Baptist Church, 1909 E. Rusk St., in Jacksonville.