

# **BaptistWay Bible Series for March 18: Christian community is worth the effort**

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# **Christian community is worth the effort**

- Acts 2:41-47

[By Leroy Fenton](#)

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# **Bible Studies for Life Series for March 18: Jesus takes care of us**

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# Jesus takes care of us

- John 10:1-21

[By David Harp](#)

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## Explore the Bible Series for March 18: Boldly Donning a New Identity

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## Boldly Donning a New Identity

- 1 Peter 2:1-12

[By Kathryn Aragon](#)

*First Baptist Church, Duncanville*

What happens when someone is endowed with a special purpose or special powers? According to the movies, they become super heroes. According to the Bible, they have become children of God. Let's take a moment to look at the difference.

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# **CLC supports stiffer penalties for repeat child abusers**

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

AUSTIN—The Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission applauds Texas lawmakers for moving quickly on a bill known as Jessica’s Law, which would stiffen penalties against repeat child abusers.

“From the beginning, we have been very concerned about any legislation that has to do with sexual predators and criminal sexual misconduct,” CLC Director Suzii Paynter said. “We take very seriously the safety of the children in Texas in all aspects of life—at home and at school.”

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# Southwestern Seminary seeks trustee's removal

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**By Greg Warner**

*Associated Baptist Press*

ARLINGTON (ABP)—For the second time in as many years, a Southern Baptist institution will try to remove a rookie trustee for alleged misconduct. This time it's Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, which is in a dispute with trustee Dwight McKissic.

Last year, trustees of the International Mission Board tried to remove Oklahoma pastor Wade Burleson from their ranks but later backed down.

Dwight McKissic
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# Court will not review policy banning NY nativity scenes

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**By Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A year after a New York City mother's appeal, the Supreme Court has declined to review a policy banning nativity scenes but allowing other holiday-season displays in the nation's largest public school district.

The justices declined, without comment or recorded dissent, to hear an appeal in *Skoros v. City of New York*.

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**âComfortableâ Christians  
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# Mosaic pastor insists

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## ‘Comfortable’ Christians lose touch with the world, Mosaic pastor insists

**By Norman Jameson**

*North Carolina Baptist State Convention*

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (ABP)—Unlike most pastors, [Erwin McManus](#) is more comfortable talking to people outside the church than he is to rooms full of Christians, like the ones at the recent North Carolina Baptist State Convention evangelism conference.

McManus, an El Salvador native who went to high school and college in North Carolina, today leads [Mosaic](#)—a congregation that doesn’t call itself a church and meets in a nightclub and several other locations in Los Angeles.

Erwin McManus
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# Baptist agency offers PAL to young adults leaving foster care

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When Terri Hipps cut the ribbon to officially open the Kerrville Transition Center the accompanying smiles were for the symbolic action and because after 30 minutes in biting cold everyone could go inside.

(Photos by Craig Bird)

# Baptist agency offers PAL to young adults leaving foster care

**By Craig Bird**

*Baptist Child & Family Services*

KERRVILLE—Baptist Child & Family Services has opened Texas' first Preparation for Adult Living support program outside of urban areas for youths aging out of foster care.

The Kerrville Transition Center will serve hundreds of foster and at-risk youth ages 15 to 23 across a large swath of the Hill Country, including Boerne, Comfort, Fredericksburg, Junction, Leakey and Medina.



David Sprouse, a Baptist Child & Family Services trustee and a physician in Kerrville, gets down on a child's level at the reception following the grand opening of the Kerrville Transition Center.

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# **CYBER COLUMN by Jinny Henson: Thank God he's no helicopter parent**

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## **CYBER COLUMN: Thank God he's no helicopter parent**

**By Jinny Henson**

On a flight from DFW to Chicago not long ago, I heard the most audacious example yet of helicopter parenting—a term used to describe the hovering nature of parents engineering their child's every situation to create a positive result. Blame it on the vapid competition today's children face or our parental thirst for validation, but these days some parents are hovering; paving the way and quick to indulge.

Jinny Henson
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Behind me was a mother in her late 30s attempting to instruct her son in California via cell phone how to properly load cartridges into his new Nintendo D.S. player. She had him read the directions to her twice and offered her take on them. The Nintendo, it seems, has a space for both

Nintendo games and its forerunner, Game Boy game cartridges. Oddly enough, the Granny Nanny taking care of the kids was of absolutely no assistance. Imagine that.

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## **Baptists' post-Katrina efforts in Louisiana still under way**

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**By Carla Wynn**

*Cooperative Baptist Fellowship*

LACOMBE, La. (ABP)—It's been a long road for the home of Loretta and Samuel Ducre of Lacombe, La.

Their original home is gone—destroyed in August 2005 when Hurricane Katrina mauled the Gulf Coast. And its replacement, built and furnished by volunteers, has been on its way for nearly a year.

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Lacombe  
resident  
Shovie  
Ducre  
talks with  
CBF of  
Louisiana  
disaster  
response  
volunteer  
Mary Beth  
Thomas in  
August.  
Ducre's  
home was  
among the  
first  
restore by  
Fellowship  
volunteers  
in  
Lacombe.  
(Photo by  
Carla  
Wynn)

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# If heaven is filled with music, Larner arrived early

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Linda Elston helps her mother, Bernice Larner, celebrate 70 years as a church pianist.
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## If heaven is filled with music, Bernice Larner arrived early

**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

MORGAN MILL—For the last 70 years, Sunday mornings have found Bernice Larner at a church piano bench. And she's been blessed with every hymn she's played, including her favorite, "He Keeps Me Singing."

In addition to 62 years at Morgan Mill Baptist Church, Larner also was

pianist for a church in Odessa for four years in the mid-1950s and in Azle for four years in the late-1960s.

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# **ETBU international students offer global perspective**

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## **ETBU international students offer community a global perspective**

**By Mike Midkiff**

*East Texas Baptist University*

MARSHALL—International students at East Texas Baptist University gave Marshall-area children and university students a glimpse into their native lands during an on-campus international fair.

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At an  
international fair  
at East Texas  
Baptist  
University,  
Youling (Judy) Yu,  
a visiting scholar  
from Lanzhou  
University of  
Technology of  
China, gives  
instruction in  
origami to  
teacher-education  
student Debbie  
Darville of  
Marshall.

The university's international education office invited children's missions and Bible groups from East Texas churches to the fair.