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**By Adelle M. Banks**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)—For centuries, theologians have debated the Holy Trinity. For decades, evangelical Christians have argued over proper roles for men and women. Now, the two fights are merging into one.

Some scholars, drawing support from their interpretations of the Bible, link a belief that women should be submissive to men with a belief that Jesus is eternally subordinate to God the Father.

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**By Bill Sherman**

*Religion News Service*

TULSA, Okla. (RNS)—As Oklahoma enters its centennial year, two dozen Tulsa-area churches have joined together to pray for the state and the city around the clock for the entire year.

Some of Tulsa's largest churches, from several denominations, are participating in the 24-7 prayer cycle.

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## **UMHB students put feet to**

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Four  
Japanese  
students in  
school  
uniforms  
asked to have  
their picture  
taken with  
Jennifer  
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University of  
Mary Hardin-  
Baylor  
students went  
on a  
prayerwalk  
through a  
Tokyo  
subway.

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**By Jennifer Sicking**

*University of Mary Hardin-Baylor*

BELTON—A group of [University of Mary Hardin-Baylor](#) students recently put feet to their prayers in one of the world's largest cities.

Four students journeyed to Tokyo, Japan, as part of [Go Now Missions](#). In addition to sharing Christ through Christmas music and English practice, they also participated in prayerwalking.

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# **BaptistWay Bible Series for February 11: Jesus lays down his life for his followers**

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## **BaptistWay Bible Series for February11**

# **Jesus lays down his life for his followers**

- John 19:13-30

**By David Wilkinson**

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# **Explore the Bible Series for**

# February 11: Service is sometimes risky business

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**Explore the Bible Series for February 11**

## Service is sometimes risky business

- Esther 3:2,5-6; 4:5, 8-16

**By Howard Anderson**

*Diversified Spiritual Associates, San Antonio*

Haman was made grand vizier, and all lesser officials were required to bow to him. Mordecai was a Benjaminite, and he was loyal to God, so he refused to honor a descendant of Agag, king of Amalek, Israel's bitter enemy.

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## CYBER COLUMN by Brett Younger: Jesus's Church

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# CYBER COLUMN: Jesus' Church

**By Brett Younger**

In Fort Worth, [Grace Country Cowboy Church](#) began four years ago. Or as they put it, "a posse was formed." They're trying to reach out to cowboys and cowgirls who wouldn't attend the average church. The church welcomes anyone who enjoys old-time country music. They promise to "boot scoot for Jesus and two-step on the devil."

In Mayfield, Ky., boaters gather at Kentucky Lake every Sunday morning. They worship on the floating pavilion next to the marina restaurant. The pastor must be tempted to preach on fishers of men every service.

Brett Younger
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## Explore the Bible Series for February 4: When Life Turns Upside Down

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**[Explore the Bible Series for February 4](#)**

# When Life Turns Upside Down

- Esther 2:5-10, 16-17, 21-23

**By Howard Anderson**

*Diversified Spiritual Associates, San Antonio*

Mordecai and his family including Esther faced unavoidable changes. Esther most likely had no choice in becoming a candidate for queen, but she chose to make a positive adjustment to this new challenge and won the favor of the official in charge of the process. King Ahasuerus made Esther his queen, and she used her position to give a warning from Mordecai that enabled the king to thwart a royal assassination plot

When life turns upside down the Christian is encouraged to trust God in the midst of trials and tribulations. We can trust God completely in life's situations by accepting unavoidable changes, by adjusting to new challenges, and by availing yourself of opportunities. When life turns upside down it is better to be with God, than to have life right side up without God.

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## **Accept Unavoidable Changes (Est. 2:5-7)**

“Mordecai” was taken to Shushan, the winter capital of Persia, but Daniel and Ezekiel remained in Babylon. The name Mordecai is related to the name of Marduk, the principal Babylonian deity. Here he is called “a

certain Jew,” proving that the term is used of any Israelite from any tribe and not Judah only. “Shimel” may refer to the man from the family of Saul who cursed David (2 Sam. 16:5-13). “Kish” may be the father of Saul (1 Sam. 9:1-2). If these figures are the ones intended, they are Mordecai’s remote ancestors from the tribe of Benjamin.

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## **Politics not behind plan to unite Baptists, Underwood insists**

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**By Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

MACON, Ga. (ABP)—An ambitious plan to unite Baptists in North America around the compassionate message of the gospel is not secretly a plan to get Baptists to elect Hillary Clinton as president, one of the plan’s leaders said.

[Bill Underwood](#), a co-organizer of the effort with former President Jimmy Carter, said former President Bill Clinton’s offer to lend his star power to the upcoming [Celebration of a New Baptist Covenant](#) is not a covert

political move.

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# **Baptists in Beirut endangered as violence escalates**

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*ABP Washington Bureau*

BEIRUT (ABP)—An urgent communiqué from a Lebanese Baptist leader warned that escalating violence is threatening the [Beirut Baptist School](#).

Nabil Costa, executive director of the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development, sent an e-mail message Jan. 25 to friends and colleagues at Baptist institutions worldwide requesting prayer for Lebanon and for the school, which serves preschool through high-school age students. It is located near Beirut's commercial and cultural heart.

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## **What Jesus Wants For His Followers**

• John 17

**David Wilkinson**

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# **Bible Studies for Life Series for February 4: The Word From God**

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**Bible Studies for Life Series for February 4**

# The Word From God

• John 1:1-18

**By Kenneth Lyle**