

Bible Studies for Life Series for January 7: Why am I here?

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Why am I here?

- *Genesis 1:1-30*

By Kenneth Lyle

Small-church pastors challenged to make a difference

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At the conclusion of a recent WorldconneX conference for smaller church pastors, Ridge Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dublin, takes his turn leading the group to pray for a people group his church is seeking to reach for Christ.

Small-church pastors challenged to make a difference

By David Williams

WorldconneX

WAXAHACHIE—God must love small churches since he made so many of them. That was the message pastors of small churches heard at a recent conference conducted by [WorldconneX](#), Texas Baptists' missions network.

Titled "More Than You Think You Are," the meeting at Lakeview Conference Center in Waxahachie was billed as "a new conversation for the smaller-church pastor."

BaptistWay Bible Series for January 7: Believing in Jesus as the Resurrection & the Life

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Believing in Jesus as the Resurrection & the Life

• John 11:1-13, 17-27, 38-44

By David Wilkinson

Explore the Bible Series for January 7: God will guide his people past obstacles

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Explore the Bible Series for January 7

God will guide his people past obstacles

- Nehemiah 4:1-23; 5:1-19; 6:1-19; 7:1-73

By Howard Anderson

Diversified Spiritual Associates, San Antonio

There were six attempts to stop Nehemiah's work: Sanballat and Tobiah mocked Nehemiah; the enemy threatened a military attack; Sanballat and Geshem attempted to lure Nehemiah outside of Jerusalem to Ono; Sanballat threatened Nehemiah with false charges; Shemaiah, Noadiah and others were paid to prophesy falsely and discredit Nehemiah; and Tobiah had spies in Jerusalem and wrote Nehemiah letters in order to frighten him.

Former WMU President Huis Coy Egge dead at 95

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Former Woman's Missionary Union of Texas President Huis Coy Egge died on Christmas Eve. She was 95.

Huis Coy Egge

Mrs. Egge, a native of Logansport, La., was a charter member of Broadway Baptist Church in Houston, was a member of First Baptist Church in Corsicana from 1978 to 1997 and most recently was a member of First Baptist Church in Friendswood.

She was president of Texas WMU from 1976 to 1980 and was affiliated with the missions organization most of her life.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Clarence W. Coy, and her second husband, Elvis H. Egge.

Volunteersâ love encourages Moldovan women

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Texas
volunteers,
Debra
McCammon
(from
Mesquite),
Lori
Hudson
(from
Skidmore)
Bea
Mesquias
(from
Harlington),
and Jerri
Warren
(from
Texarkana),
join close to
1,000
women in
praying for
Moldova.

Volunteers' love encourages Moldovan women

Dressed in a borrowed winter coat, a Texas Baptist volunteer slowly approached a family working outdoors. They watched her curiously. She obviously was a stranger to their village but had a warm and loving face that made them want to stop and chat.

Susan Edwards of Dallas flashed a smile. Caught off-guard, the family smiled back. There's not much to smile about in this small, central European country. Moldova is one of the poorest countries in Europe. In villages outside of the capital, Chisinau, unemployment is well over 90 percent. Most survive like this family, from food grown in their yard.



A kiss on each side of the face is one way Moldovans express their love and gratitude. Bea Mesquias receives a "thank you" for sharing her life stories at the national Women's Ministry Conference.

Without a common spoken language between them, Edwards simply patted the woman's hand and pulled out a Russian Bible. With the simple gesture, she offered this family a chance to find a reason to smile.

Edwards, along with five other Texas volunteers, spent a week offering hope and encouragement to Moldovan women through an ongoing International Initiatives partnership between Woman's Missionary Union

and the Moldova Baptist Union.

Georgia church votes to purge piggy name

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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (ABP)—A Baptist church in a rapidly growing part of Georgia is no longer sitting high on the hog, thanks to a recent name-changing vote.

And some longtime members of the 152-year-old congregation, as well as residents of the surrounding community, have raised a stink about it.

Pastors rank among top 10 on ethics list

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DALLAS (ABP)—Americans may trust their pastors almost as much as they trust their nurses.

That's according to a recent [USA Today/Gallup Poll](#). For the sixth year in a row, nursing topped the list as the most ethical occupation in America, according to a survey of public perceptions of honesty and ethical standards for 23 occupations.

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Christmas Card 2006

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**Wishing You the
Blessings of
Christmas!**

The Baptist
Standard family
gathers to send a
holiday greeting to
our readers.

Left to right are
Stefany Bales,
receptionist;
George Henson,
writer/ classified
ads; Editor Marv
Knox; Leroy
Fenton,
development;
James Wright,
mailer; Charlie
Nichols, mail
manager; Doug
Hylton, advertising/
newsletters; John
Rutledge,
webmaster; Beth
Campbell, editor's
assistant; Gary
Phillips, business
manager; David
Clanton,
marketing; Ken
Camp, managing
editor; and Linda
Majors, circulation/
records.

BaptistWay Bible Series for December 31: Jesus is our sustainer and hope

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Jesus is our sustainer and hope

• John 6:1-15, 25-35, 48-51, 66-69

By David Wilkinson

Bible Studies for Life Series for December 31: Good newsâ€”the gospel is for everyone

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Bible Studies for Life Series for December 31

Good news—the gospel is for everyone

- Luke 2:25-38

By Kenneth Lyle