

Officers struggle with trust issues

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By Polly House

LifeWay Christian Resources

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Don't trust. Don't feel. Don't talk. Counselors know advice like that is a recipe for emotional and spiritual disaster. But any law enforcement officer knows such advice could save his life.

"We struggle with the word 'trust,' every day," said Jack Poe, chaplain for the Oklahoma City Police Department.

On the Move

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- **Jared Gibson** has resigned as minister of students at First Church of

Wake Village in Texarkana.

- **Jonathan Godfrey** has resigned as music minister at Trinity Church in Gatesville.
 - **Jerry Hibbs** to Southside Church in Granbury as minister of music.
 - **Scott Higginbotham** to First Church in Lampasas as youth minister.
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By George Henson

Staff Writer

GRAND PRAIRIE—Church preschools and mothers' day out centers must plan for the unexpected so when a crisis arises, protocols already are in place, a veteran preschool leader said at [Dallas Baptist Association's Institute for Childcare Excellence](#), held at First Baptist Church in Grand

Prairie.

Judy Lewis, who has been director of the child development center at [Cliff Temple Baptist Church](#) in Dallas five years and has worked in preschool leadership 35 years, said churches need to be proactive in their approach.

Judy Lewis,
director of
the child
development
center at Cliff
Temple
Baptist
Church in
Dallas,
stresses the
importance of
emergency
preparedness.

(Photo by
George
Henson)

Readerâs Theater workers model Christ-like patience

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By Miranda Bradley

Children at Heart Foundation

ROUND ROCK—Asking a child with a speech impediment to read aloud could be a recipe for disaster, making him a prime target for ridicule.

Instead, as he nervously reads *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*, he is assisted through his stumbling by another child.

Same-sex marriage bans a mixed bag at the polls

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Gay-rights supporters and opponents both claimed

victory after the Nov. 7 midterm elections, with voters in seven states approving same-sex marriage bans and Arizona becoming the first state in the country to reject such an amendment.

The measure failed narrowly, with 51.4 percent opposed to [Proposition 107](#) and 48.6 percent in favor.

Abortion ban overturned in South Dakota

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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (ABP)—Voters in South Dakota overturned [the nation's most stringent abortion ban](#) Nov. 7—55 percent to 45 percent. Supporters of the ban had hoped to use it to challenge the 33-year-old [Roe v. Wade](#) decision legalizing abortion.

Mike Rounds, South Dakota's Republican governor, signed the act into law March 6. Called Referred Law 6, or the "Women's Health and Human Life

Protection Act," it prohibited abortions during all stages of pregnancy and in cases of rape and incest. Although it offered no exceptions for mothers in poor health, the ban did allow abortion if the mother's life was threatened.

“Sunday-best apparel” is not what it used to be

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‘Sunday-best apparel’ is not what it used to be

By Erica Harms and Sammie Jo Barstow

Associated Baptist Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP)—Depending on where a person worships, wearing one's "Sunday best" to church today might not mean what it once did.

On Sunday mornings, more and more people are passing on dresses or ties and opting for blue jeans or khakis instead.

Texas Tidbits

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Baylor Neuroscience Center recognized. [Baylor Neuroscience Center](#) at Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas has been designated a Neuroscience Center of Excellence by the 2006 Neuroscience Center of Excellence Survey, co-sponsored by NeuroSource in Chicago and HealthTech in San Francisco. The Baylor Neuroscience Center also was listed as one of the nation's top neuroscience programs in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2006 [list of America's Best Hospitals](#). The 2006 survey, the only one of its kind in the neurosciences, analyzed 150 neuroscience programs, across 41 states. A hospital's overall performance is determined by measuring program progress in four key areas—clinical and research programs, staff, facilities/technology and business. The Baylor Neuroscience Center at Baylor Dallas was awarded the highest possible recognition—Institute Status.

Business educators discuss ethics. Business ethics was the focus of the recent meeting of the Southwest Council for the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs, held at Dallas Baptist University. The conference drew business educators from 32 schools in five states to DBU. Keynote speaker Carlos Sepulveda, president and chief executive officer of Interstate Batteries, told the group how his company uses biblical principles—alongside common sense and sound business practices—as guideposts. "It means, 'If it's not yours, don't take it,' and 'Treat others the

way you want to be treated,'" he explained.

TOGETHER: Work together to share God's grace

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"Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

Those are the Apostle Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 6:2. He reveals the truth that God has smiled on the world, that there is a new hope come to humanity.

When Jesus was baptized, "heaven was opened" (Matthew 3:16). I heard Denton Lotz, leader of the [Baptist World Alliance](#), say it was common before Jesus for people to believe that the heavens were closed except for a few. But God, in Christ, throws open the heavens. Now, all of us—Jew and Gentile, slave and free, male and female—are candidates for God's grace.



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Or as [Dallas Willard](#) puts it in *The Divine Conspiracy*, “The really good news for humanity is that Jesus is now taking students in the master class of life.” Jesus invites us to enroll in this class and to learn from him. It is a class where we learn to become like our teacher. And there is no sign in the registration line that says, “Class closed.” There is a seat for everyone who wishes to enter.

Degree of Difference Day draws Wayland workers

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Jeremiah
Saiz,
assistant
coach for
the
Wayland
Pioneer
baseball
team, rakes
the
playground
gravel level
at Wee Care
Child Care
Center,
while
Celeste
Louder
(left) of
Hereford
and Callie
Wheeler of
Whitewright
pull weeds
from the
playground.

Degree of Difference Day draws

Wayland workers

By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW—About 300 [Wayland Baptist University](#) students, faculty and staff donated a recent Saturday to community projects throughout the Plainview area as part of the school's Degree of Difference Day.

Each volunteer worked at least five hours. Teams worked in construction on a Habitat for Humanity house; painted and made minor repairs for the College Hill Day Care Center, Wee Care Child Center, Whiteaker Youth Center, Plainview Christian Academy and Compassionate Care Pregnancy Center; and did office work and organizational projects at the Hale County Crisis Center and Vista Care Hospice.

Singles seek soul mates on the Web

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By G. Jeffrey MacDonald

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—For spiritual singles seeking a soul mate in cyberspace, one pool of potential matches is about to get a lot bigger.

Beliefnet, whose spirituality website—Beliefnet.com—attracts 3.1 million users per month, announced it will connect its dating service users with those of Yahoo Personals, an online dating service based in Sunnyvale, Calif.

Youth ministers urged to understand middle-school culture

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from
Texas,
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2006 to
help meet
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needs as
they work
to reach
teenagers
for
Christ.

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By Barbara Bedrick

Texas Baptist Communications

ARLINGTON—Chaos, confusion and abandonment characterize youth culture today, a national youth ministry expert asserted. But he challenged Baptist youth ministers to help teens turn the chaos into the comfort Christ brings.

Christian author and youth ministry specialist [Chap Clark](#), associate professor at [Fuller Theological Seminary](#), urges youth ministers to spend time in the real world.