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By David Williams

WorldconneX

PASADENA—A Texas Baptist layman wanted to provide a water well for someone in another country. A village in Kenya needed a source for water. And the WorldconneX missions network matched the resource to the need through [Buckner Orphan Care International](#).

It started when Lee Vaughn, a retired oil company worker, approached retired missionary John Mills, who teaches adult Sunday school at [South Main Baptist Church in Pasadena](#).

Cybercolumn by Berry Simpson:

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CYBER COLUMN: Perfect lawn

By Berry Simpson

I have been reading a book I found on the new-book shelf at the Midland County Library, [*American Green: The Obsessive Quest for the Perfect Lawn*](#), by Ted Steinberg. One amazing fact I've learned: Americans spend an estimated \$40 billion a year on lawn care.

Steinberg would be disappointed to know that the Simpson family doesn't have a lawn in the front yard; at least, not a conventional turf-grass lawn. Some years ago, we replaced our grass with a variety of ground covers that some former neighbors might say is nothing but "a big science fair experiment." The reason we did it was because we wanted something different and more interesting, and because I decided I was sick of mowing. We were successful. Our yard is interesting, if confusing, and I only mow the front yard once a year when Cyndi makes me cut down the Vinca after the daisies have dropped their flowers.

Berry D. Simpson

Church arguments spilling out into blogs and websites

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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (ABP)—Bellevue Baptist Church is on the cutting edge of a growing trend—at least when it comes to conflict. Like members from several other prominent churches nationwide, congregants at the Memphis-area megachurch are using websites and blogs to post details about ongoing dissent within the ranks.

But do such high-tech tactics empower church members to address conflict or merely make the conflict worse while airing a church's dirty laundry to the world?

BaptistWay Bible Series for

October 8: The joy of worshipping together

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The joy of worshipping together

- Psalm 84

By David Wilkinson

Bible Studies for Life Series for October 8: Take hold of godliness in action and attitude

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Bible Studies for Life Series for October 8

Take hold of godliness in action and attitude

- 1 Timothy 4:6-16

By Kenneth Lyle

Explore the Bible Series for October 8: Christian maturity is not accidental

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Explore the Bible Series for October 8

Christian maturity is not accidental

- Hebrews 5:11-6:12

By Howard Anderson

Diversified Spiritual Associates, San Antonio

The writer of Hebrews was discouraged because the Jewish believers could not grasp Christ's high priesthood. They could not grasp the basic truths,

apply them, and by constant application, go on to maturity. These Christians are immature and “slow to learn” not having grasped even the elementary truths of the gospel. To be mature is to evolve toward full development. Immaturity is a lack of growth and development.

Cybercolumn by Jeanie Miley: Striving for excellence to please God

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CYBER COLUMN: Striving for excellence to please God

By Jeanie Miley

On a warm fall Saturday night, I attended a concert put on by some of the most highly trained ministers of music in the country. The Centurymen is what they are called, and I’m pretty sure they are some of the best singers in the whole world. (They looked pretty handsome in their tuxes, too.)

I sat near the front, and so I got to watch the accompanists closely. I loved watching them do what they do. I felt so blessed, watching one of the world’s great choral conductors, a genius among us, conduct those professional musicians in a concert that made chills run up and down my

spine over and over.

Jeanie Miley

McKissic wants SBC to address 'tongues' in Baptist Faith & Message

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

NASHVILLE (ABP)—A Southern Baptist trustee, whose [recent seminary chapel sermon](#) was partially censored over his comments on speaking in tongues, has asked that the denomination address the issue in its official confession of faith.

Dwight McKissic, pastor of [Cornerstone Baptist Church in Arlington](#), and a trustee at [Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary](#) in nearby Fort Worth, publicized a letter he sent to members of the Southern Baptist

Convention's [Executive Committee](#), which met Sept. 18-19 in Nashville, Tenn.

Dwight McKissic

â€œJesus and Meâ€œ camp benefits Brenhamâ€™s children

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House of
Worship
Church in
Brenham
partners with
Brenham
school
district to
offer eight
weeks of
games,
crafts,
Scripture
memorization
and science
and reading
programs
during the
summer.

‘Jesus and Me’ camp benefits Brenham’s children

By Elizabeth Staples

Communications Intern

BRENHAM—For a dozen years, children from low-income families in the Brenham area have formed lasting relationships, developed important skills and learned spiritual values at JAM—the “Jesus and Me” summer day-camp.

Many children, ages 5 to 12, experience Christ’s love for the first time

during the day-camp, said Marcus Lawhon, director of JAM and pastor of House of Worship Church in Brenham.



The Brenham Housing Authority and the school district have partnered with JAM to provide free breakfast and lunch for the children.

Islam built on five pillars of worship & five pillars of faith

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A young
Egyptian
studies the
Quran,
Islam's holy
book. Islam
is not only
Egypt's
dominant
religion but
an all-
embracing
way of life.
Egyptian
Muslims
comprise 90
percent of
the nation's
more than 76
million
people. (BP
photo by
Warren
Johnson)

Islam built on five pillars of worship & five pillars of faith

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

DALLAS—Muslims treat the [Quran](#) as their Bible, and they see [Muhammad](#) the way Christians view Jesus Christ, right? Wrong, Muslim leaders insist.

Muslims see the Quran as God's final revelation—roughly comparable to the way mainstream Christians see Jesus Christ as the Living Word and God's ultimate revelation, said Alif Rahman, who teaches an outreach class about Islam at the [Dallas Central Mosque](#) in Richardson.

BaptistWay Bible Series for October 1: The shadows of doubt can become thick

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The shadows of doubt can become thick

• Psalm 73

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Bible Studies for Life Series for October 1: Contend for the truth always

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Contend for the truth always

- 1 Timothy 1:3-7,12-20

By Kenneth Lyle