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Surrounded
by his six-
screen
computer
setup,
Wayland
senior
Jerod
Clopton
does
research
for a
missionary
during his
summer
missions
experience
at Greater
Good
Global
Support
Services
outside
Meridian,
Texas.

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By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW—The phrase “summer missions” typically conjures images of students sharing the gospel in foreign countries or doing manual labor in inner-city areas, with evangelism the prevalent concern. Jerod Clopton knows first-hand, though, that missions takes on very different shapes and each experience has the power to change lives.

Clopton, a senior math major at [Wayland Baptist University](#) and a native of O'Donnell, spent his summer on a farm near Meridian, working for an agency called [Greater Good Global Support Services](#), or G3S2, as an agent of [Go Now Missions](#), an arm of the Baptist General Convention of Texas [collegiate ministries](#).

Cybercolumn by Brett Younger: Doom, despair and the agony of the teeth

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CYBER COLUMN: Doom, despair and the agony of the teeth

By Brett Younger

Carol called me at the church to say, "When I put gas in the car, the Visa card didn't work."

I called the Visa people who told me they cancelled our card because "you didn't pay the bill."

BaptistWay Bible Series for September 17: Trust in a God who cares for you deeply

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Trust in a God who cares for you

deeply

• Psalms 23:1-6; 27:1-6

By David Wilkinson

Bible Studies for Life Series for September 17: Responding to the agony of defeat

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Responding to the agony of defeat

• Joshua 7:6-7,10-13,16-21,24-26

By Kenneth Lyle

Explore the Bible Series for September 17: Listen to God's word and remain true

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Explore the Bible Series for September 17

Listen to God's word and remain true

- Hebrews 3:1-15

By Howard Anderson

Diversified Spiritual Associates, San Antonio

Good works cannot generate salvation, but they are subsequent and consequential God-empowered fruits and evidences of it. Our salvation is a byproduct of grace and faith. We are required to believe for salvation, and faith is part of the gift of God that saves and cannot be exercised by one's own power. Timely obedience is one of the great dynamics of Christian discipleship.

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WORCESTER, Mass. (ABP)—New scientific research may defuse the culture war over embryonic stem-cell research, but it also may raise new ethical questions.

In a study publicized on the [website of the journal *Nature*](#), members of a team of scientists headed by Robert Lanza of Advanced Cell Technology in Worcester, Mass., reported they had successfully grown stem-cell colonies that were extracted from human embryos without destroying the embryos in the process.

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ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—After a three-year-long debate, the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved wider distribution of a “morning-after” contraceptive, angering some religious conservatives and anti-abortion groups.

[FDA officials recently announced](#) they had approved non-prescription sales of “Plan B,” a drug designed to prevent ovulation and fertilization of a woman’s egg. The decision, however, only allows women 18 years of age or older to have over-the-counter access to the drug.

Displaced New Orleans resident finds home at Gracewood

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By Miranda Bradley

Children at Heart Ministries

HOUSTON—Rochelle Wright lost everything to Hurricane Katrina—everything except what matters most to her.

“There was a time when I thought I was going to die,” she said, thinking back to events that changed her life. “I’ve tried to block out a lot of what happened.”



Rochelle
and Rayven
Wright
walked 10
miles in
waist-deep
water to
escape
Katrina.
Now they
live at
Gracewood,
a Children
At Heart
Ministry,
their "first
real home"
since the
storm
destroyed
theirs.

Houston faith communities plan for future hurricanes

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By Karen Campbell

Union Baptist Association

HOUSTON—A conference on disaster preparedness—scheduled in 2005 but ironically postponed due to Hurricane Katrina—stressed the importance of planning ahead for hurricanes.

Interfaith Ministries sponsored the day-long event that drew more than 400 participants.

LIFE GOES ON: Crossroads project aims to rebuild in New Orleans

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Habitat for
Humanity
houses in
New Orleans
are being
built by
church-based
volunteers
and by
future
residents
who provide
at least 350
hours of
“sweat
equity.”
(Photo by
ABP)

LIFE GOES ON: Crossroads project aims to rebuild in New Orleans

By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

NEW ORLEANS (ABP)—Last year, New Orleans’ Upper 9th Ward was one of the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina, with more than 90,000 homes ruined.

This year, it's the site of the largest Habitat for Humanity project ever undertaken by a single denomination anywhere in the world.



Teens from a youth group at First Baptist Church in Salado work on a Habitat for Humanity housing project in New Orleans.
(RNS photo by Ted Jackson/*The Times-Picayune* in New Orleans)

East Texas church sends

minister to southern Louisiana

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A team working with Celebration Church in Metairie, La. help clean up hurricane damage.
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East Texas church sends minister to southern Louisiana

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

METAIRIE, La.—When David Jochum felt God calling him to leave First Baptist Church in Marshall to help a New Orleans-area church in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the East Texas congregation decided to send him as their missionary to southern Louisiana.

First Baptist Church agreed to pay Jochum's full salary and benefits as pastor of enlistment at Celebration Church in Metairie, La., for one year. The Marshall church also pledged to continue their financial support up to

four years on a sliding scale, as Celebration Church becomes capable of gradually assuming responsibility for the position Jochum will continue to fill there.

Texas Baptists urged to adopt unreached groups in Houston

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Texas Baptists urged to adopt unreached groups in Houston

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

HOUSTON—Significant numbers of people in Texas' largest city never have heard the gospel.

But the Baptist General Convention of Texas is seeking to change that with a new ministry opportunity supported by the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions.

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