BaptistWay Bible Series for August 6: Leavingâ□□and learning fromâ□□a legacy

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Leaving—and learning from—a legacy

• 2 Timothy 4:1-8

By Joseph Matos

Family Bible Series for August 6: Set apart by God for service, righteousness

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Set apart by God for service, righteousness

• John 17:9-23

By Greg Ammons

Explore the Bible Series for August 6: Fear God, but beware legalism

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Explore the Bible Series for August 6

Fear God, but beware legalism

• Ecclesiastes 7:1-8:17

By James Adair

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In his Nicomachean Ethics, the great philosopher Aristotle discusses the "doctrine of the mean." He says the excellence of a thing, be it a human or

a horse, may be defined as its ability to perform its function well. Further, he says, “well” may be defined as that point midway between excess and deficiency, that is, the mean.

VBS â□□makeoverâ□□ puts children to work

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VBS ‘makeover’ puts children to work

By George Henson

Staff Writer

BEAUMONT—Children attending Vacation Bible School at North End Baptist Church in Beaumont learned you don’t have to be on television to make a difference in someone’s life.

The VBS team at North End chose to write their own curriculum this year and settled on “Extreme Church: Service Edition,” a take-off on the television series Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.

Volunteers fleeing Beirut reach Cyprus on U.S. Navy ship, heading home soon

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By Erich Bridges

LARNACA, Cyprus (BP)—After being trapped for more than a week in Beirut as Israeli-Hezbollah fighting raged, 19 tired and relieved Southern Baptist volunteers arrived in Cyprus from Lebanon early July 21 aboard the Navy transport USS Nashville.

The volunteers from two churches in Georgia and Texas were transported by bus with hundreds of other U.S. evacuees from the Cypriot port of Larnaca to Nicosia, where U.S. embassy officials have set up a receiving area equipped with cots, food and beverages in a city convention center. From there, the volunteers were expected to board one of the charter flights U.S. officials have arranged to take Americans exiting Lebanon home to the United States.

The two volunteer groups include 10 members from First Baptist Church of Forney, Texas, and nine from Eagle's Landing First Baptist Church in Henry County, Ga. They had been participating in various summer ministries with Lebanese Baptists through churches in Beirut when cross-border bombing and rocket attacks broke out between Hezbollah guerrillas

based in southern Lebanon and Israeli forces.

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- Forney group trapped in Lebanon

- Watch a slideshow from the African American Fellowship Conference in Lubbock
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- Ethicists weigh in on court's decision to protect Guantanamo detainees

- Bo Pilgrim provides record gift to DBU

- New York's highest court punts gay-marriage dispute to legislators

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- Lawyers see future in stem-cell research

• New York's highest court punts gay-marriage dispute to legislators

• Gibson's Passion sparked new relationship between faith & film

• Superheroes draw on universal themes

• Books reviewed in this issue: Books reviewed in this issue: *Hell's Broke Loose in Georgia. Survival in a Civil War Regiment* by Scott Walker, *102 Fascinating Bible Topics for Group Discussion* by Preston Taylor and *Leaves of Hope* by Catherine Palmer.

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• WMU may move annual meeting

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• View a video clip on the African-American cowboy church

• BGCT treasurer: No â□□financial crisis'

• VP Vernon to be nominated for BGCT president

• Hispanic convention elects new officers

- Partners sign church-starting agreement
- President challenges Hispanic Baptists
- Nathan Porter says NAMB denying wife hospice care

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly Coverage

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- Yee urges Fellowship to become fully intercultural
- Convocation urges immigration reform
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- AIDS summit challenges Baptists to â□□break the silence’
- Religious freedom threatened in U.S.
- CBF, emergent church good fit, Myers says
- Hudson: Step out of bubble and hear God
- CBF broke tradition in commissioning service
- Lotz: Be more like the early church
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- CBF names Rob Nash global missions coordinator

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If they can quit fighting, anyone can

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If they can quit fighting, anyone can

By Trennis Henderson

Kentucky Western Recorder

MEXICO CITY—Acknowled-ging Christians “will always have conflict,” Paul Msiza of South Africa advocated for conflict resolution during the Baptist World Alliance annual gathering in Mexico City.

Msiza, general secretary of the Baptist Convention of South Africa, recounted how his convention broke away from the Baptist Union of South Africa almost two decades ago.

BWA shows Baptistsâ□□ â□□essential unityâ□□

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BWA shows Baptists' 'essential unity'

By Trennis Henderson

Kentucky Western Recorder

MEXICO CITY (ABP)—The Baptist World Alliance ushered in its second century by unveiling plans to expand participation in the international organization.

For starters, BWA's annual General Council meeting was renamed the BWA annual gathering, signaling a desire to expand participation beyond BWA's leadership circle.

Bell decides not to seek 2nd BGCT term

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

LUBBOCK—Michael Bell will not seek a second term as president of the

Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The convention’s first African-American president told participants in the African American Fellowship of Texas annual meeting he would follow the example of Ken Hall and Albert Reyes in holding the presidency for only one year.

African-American leader Evans elevates focus on church

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Edwards re-elected to Fellowship helm

The African American Fellowship of Texas elected a slate of officers during its annual meeting in Lubbock. Participants re-elected three of four officers (l-r): Treasurer Marvin Delaney, pastor of South Park Baptist Church in Houston; Vice President John Ogletree, pastor of First Metropolitan Baptist Church in Houston; and President Ronald Edwards, pastor of Minnehulla Baptist Church in Goliad. Michael Edwards (r), pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Mansfield, was elected secretary. Evans will continue to serve as director of BGCT African-American ministries until October. All were elected by acclamation.

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

LUBBOCK—Michael Evans, the Baptist General Convention of Texas' African-American ministries director, is resigning to focus on pastoring his Mansfield congregation and spend time with his sons.

Russian siblings to be separated if families donâ□□t adopt

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Elena	Rita	Dima	Kristina

Russian siblings to be separated if families don't adopt

By Russ Dilday

Buckner News Service

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia—Two sets of Russian siblings will be separated—perhaps forever—if they are not adopted soon, reported Debbie Wynne, director of Buckner International Adoption.

In order to speed their adoption, donors have enabled Buckner to waive several key costs normally paid by adoptive parents.

My Father’s House offers a safe home for a fresh start

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Erin Bridges and her son, Matthew, and Tanji Lamar with her son, Kristopher, enjoy the playground at My Father’s House, Lubbock. (Photos by Ken Camp)

My Father's House offers a safe home for a fresh start

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

LUBBOCK—Monica Limon had no job and faced a no-win choice—live on the streets or depend on her abusive boyfriend.

Child Protective Services temporarily took custody of her two daughters, and agency officials told her if she didn’t press charges against her boyfriend, she would lose the girls permanently.