

# **BaptistWay Bible Series for August 6: Leaving—and learning from—a legacy**

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## **Leaving—and learning from—a legacy**

• 2 Timothy 4:1-8

**By Joseph Matos**

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

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**Family Bible Series for August 6**

# Set apart by God for service, righteousness

• John 17:9-23

**By Greg Ammons**

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## 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**

*Baptist University of the Americas, San Antonio*

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.

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# **VBS ‘makeover’ 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.

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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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# 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—Acknowledging 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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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.

# African-American leader Evans elevates focus on church

**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.

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# Russian siblings to be separated if families don'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.

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## 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.