

# **Cybercolumn by Jeanie Miley: 'Jesus sells!'**

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## **CYBER COLUMN: 'Jesus sells!'**

**By Jeanie Miley**

The words coming from my television stopped me in my tracks.

"In the next segment, we will hear a report on how Jesus is big business," the news reporter announced while enticing visuals played across the screen right before the commercial for the latest drug for pain relief.

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By **Greg Warner**

*Associated Baptist Press*

ENID, Okla. (ABP)—Wade Burleson is calling for the Southern Baptist Convention to investigate “manipulation” and “coercion” by his fellow trustees of the International Mission Board.

But the Oklahoma pastor backed down from his threat to publish details of those alleged abuses on his blog, saying a formal SBC-level investigation is “a better road” that will allow “for all to defend their actions before things are made public.”

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By **Hannah Elliott**

*Associated Baptist Press*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ABP)—The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee has amended a recommendation that the convention encourage the election of SBC officers “whose churches give at least 10 percent of their undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program.”

The move came amid scrutiny of the two announced SBC presidential candidates—Ronnie Floyd, pastor of First Baptist Church in Springfield, Ark., and Frank Page, pastor of First Baptist Church in Taylors, S.C.

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## **BaptistWay Bible Series for June 11: Pray for the freedom to live faithfully**

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### **BaptistWay Bible Series for June 11**

## **Pray for the freedom to live faithfully**

- 1 Timothy 2:1-7

**By Joseph Matos**

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# **Family Bible Series for June 11: Refuse to compromise faith regardless of costs**

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## **Family Bible Series for June 11**

### **Refuse to compromise faith regardless of costs**

- Daniel 6:3-5, 10-13, 16, 19-23, 25-27

**By Greg Ammons**

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## **Explore the Bible Series for June 11: Be careful how you**

# diagnose sin in another

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**Explore the Bible Series for June 11**

## Be careful how you diagnose sin in another

- Job 3:1-14:22

**By James Adair**

*Baptist University of the Americas, San Antonio*

When calamity strikes a person's life, he often can count on friends and family to be there to comfort him. Unfortunately, he also often can count on adversaries, detractors and amateur theologians to be there to increase his misery.

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## UMHB offers military counseling degree program

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Chaplains (left to right) Brian Mead, Paul Blundell, James Smith, David Santiago Cruz, Steve Richardson, Jerry Pitts and Joseph Vieira meet with Chris Ballard, associate professor of psychology and counseling at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

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By **Laura Frase**

*Communications Intern*

BELTON—A new, Pentagon-approved program implemented by a Texas Baptist university will have lasting effects on the military—nationally and

internationally.

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, near Fort Hood, created a master's degree program in marriage and family Christian counseling, which has caught the military's eye for their chaplains.

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## **CERI ministry in Africa pairing with groups to help orphans**

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Dearing Garner,  
director of  
Children's  
Emergency Relief  
International-Africa,  
and Angela  
Namatovu, the 27-  
year-old director of  
Mercy Home for  
Children in  
Kampala, Uganda,  
visit with some of  
the 1.5 million  
Ugandas displaced  
by the long-running  
war between the  
Lord's Resistance  
Army and the  
government. The  
children are  
brutalized and often  
forced to  
participate in the  
killing of their  
parents. (Photo by  
Trent Stiles)

## **CERI ministry in Africa pairing**

# with groups to help orphans

**By Craig Bird**

*Baptist Child & Family Services*

Dearing Garner found Blessings in Africa—and he expects to find ongoing blessings from assisting orphans in several African nations.

Garner, who retired recently after 27 years as pastor of First Baptist Church in Kingwood, leads Children's Emergency Relief International's expanding ministry to Africa. CERI, the international arm of Baptist Child & Family Services, already has ongoing work in Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia and Latin America.

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# Ring of Champions saving children's future through mentoring

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**By Laura Frase**

*Communications Intern*

DUNCANVILLE—When Carless Talton talks with young offenders in juvenile detention centers, they recognize she speaks with the authority of firsthand knowledge.

Talton relates her personal experiences as a former drug addict and prostitute and tells them about her rebirth as a Christian. Now she serves as regional director for Ring of Champions, a program sponsored by Bill Glass Champions for Life Ministries.

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Baptisms by Ruben Rios (left) will help fill the new sanctuary of Iglesia Hispana in Gatesville.

## **Gatesville church helps Hispanic congregation move to new building**

**By Elizabeth Staples**

*Communications Intern*

GATESVILLE—Live Oak Baptist Church focuses on family. And in recent years, the family has expanded.

About three years ago, a group of Hispanics in the area joined several people at Live Oak Baptist Church and proposed to start a new Hispanic church. After meeting on their own for a few months, they were led to a 71-year-old retired pastor, Ruben Rios. He quickly joined in their vision and became the pastor of the new Hispanic congregation, now called Iglesia Hispana.

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Everyone's Art Car Parade in Houston featured a joint effort by Willow Meadows Baptist Church youth and Katrina evacuees.

## **Willow Meadows youth want 'art car' to be message of hope**

**By Karen Campbell**

*Union Baptist Association*

HOUSTON—Take a late 1980s mud-racing Buick, add the exuberance of youth and the perspective of Katrina evacuees, plus a little paint and creativity with a touch of faith-based hope and an Art Car is born.

This year's recent Everyone's Art Car Parade featured the usual array of lowriders, classic cars, and what can only be termed "rolling contraptions" among the more than 250 entries in an annual event that attracts more than 200,000 spectators.



Katrina evacuee Autumn Luers-Pereira and Joma Kennedy from Willow Meadows Baptist Church work on an ArtCar. Matt Peters is in the distant background.

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## Wayland band members amazed by reception in Russia

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Wayland  
Baptist  
University  
band  
students  
wait for a  
tour of  
the WWII  
war  
memorial  
in  
Moscow.  
(Photos  
by Hayley  
Cox)

## **Wayland band members amazed by reception in Russia**

**By Jonathan Petty**

*Wayland Baptist University*

MOSCOW—Wayland Baptist University's Pioneer Band recently traveled to Russia, performing indoor and outdoor concerts in conjunction with the country's Victory Day celebrations.

The band spent four days in Moscow and four in St. Petersburg, performing in three of Europe's top concert halls—the Moscow Conservatory, Tchaikovsky Conservatory and the A Capella Concert Hall in St. Petersburg.