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The Bamfords volunteered as foster parents, impressed by the STARRY program's emphasis on restoration and healing to the children and their caregivers.
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By Miranda Bradley

Children at Heart Ministries

AUSTIN—When Rabecca and Scott Bamford decided they wanted to make an impact on young lives by becoming foster parents, they believe God used a radio commercial to lead them to just the right place.

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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (ABP) —International Mission Board trustees elected John Floyd, a former top administrator of the Southern Baptist agency, as board chairman—raising questions about a possible conflict of interest.

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Margins of society

The author of the "Faith & immigration" letter (May 15) misunderstands the theology of Jesus. The people Jesus most identified with were those who lived on the margins of society. The lepers, prostitutes, sinners, tax collectors, poor and women were all people who lived at these margins. In fact, many of these people were those who broke Roman and Jewish laws and traditions. They were the outcasts, the untouchables and the illegals.

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"Occasional drop-bys and clunky dropping of biblical references aren't going to do the trick. These voters weren't born again yesterday."

Ruth Marcus

Columnist, explaining why Democratic efforts to court evangelical voters may not work (washingtonpost.com)

"If we would have followed that principle, the very men who turned this denomination back to biblical inerrancy would not have been qualified to have served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention or ... in any leadership position whatsoever at all."

Ronnie Floyd

Southern Baptist Convention presidential nominee, regarding a blue-ribbon SBC committee's recommendation that elected convention officers be chosen from churches that give at least 10 percent of undesignated offerings through the Cooperative Program (BP)

"By all means, let us argue. But let us remember we are not enemies. ... I have not always heeded this injunction myself, and I regret it very much."

John McCain

Arizona senator, at Liberty University, patching up his relationship with university Chancellor Jerry Falwell, whom he labeled among "agents of intolerance" during the 2000 presidential campaign (*The Washington Times/RNS*)

The keepers of the margins were the Pharisees and the Saducees. These were the ones who made the rules and kept the rules in relation to the marginalized. They were so concerned with these laws and rules that they lost touch with the importance of relationships.

Couples need preparation for wedding & marriage, pastors say

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Managing Editor

ATHENS—Like many pastors, Kyle Henderson finds great fulfillment in conducting weddings and preparing couples for marriage. And he treasures thank-you notes he receives from couples—particularly the ones he refused to marry.

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Jim and Ruby
Finney walk
hand-in-hand
into their
sunset years
together
after finding
each other at
Calder
Woods, a
Buckner
Benevolences
retirement
community in
Beaumont.

Retirement community

residents find love in golden years

By Jenny Pope

Buckner Baptist Benevolences

BEAUMONT—Jim Finney and his new bride, Ruby, are like any other newlywed couple—they take long walks holding hands, watch sunsets from their favorite park bench and go on frequent dates to the theater and local restaurants.

LOVE AND MARRIAGE: Long-married couples share the secret of success

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HOUSTON—It not only takes a village to raise a child; it also takes a village to make marriage successful, some long-married Baptist couples agreed.

Bill and
Ruth
Osborne
are among
139
couples
Tallowood
Baptist
Church in
Houston
recently
recognized
as having
been
married
50 years
or longer.
(Photos by
Ken
Camp)

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Deported immigrants and needy Mexican nationals find an oasis—a place of rest and regrouping—in the middle of the desert, thanks to Texas Baptists.

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CROCKETT—Ginny Moers found a mission in the wake of tragedy.

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By Beau Black

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Not long ago, illegal downloads flattened CD sales and sent the music industry into a panic. But that seems forgotten now, or nearly so, as Christian labels and artists and their mainstream counterparts

are looking to technology to revolutionize how they reach listeners.

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WACO—Young ministers bear the responsibility for protecting the precious gift of religious liberty from some in the rising generation who would trade freedom for conformity, Bill Pinson told graduates of Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary.

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TAYLORS, S.C. (ABP)—Ronnie Floyd, pastor of the largest Southern Baptist church in Arkansas, and Frank Page, a South Carolina pastor with a record of strong financial support of the denomination's budget, each will be nominated for Southern Baptist Convention president at the June 13-14 annual convention.

Floyd is the favorite of the SBC's established leadership, which has controlled the presidency 27 years. Page was recruited by a group of Southern Baptist young conservatives who say the convention's establishment is excluding too many people.

The group also criticized Floyd for his church's weak support of the Cooperative Program, the SBC's central budget that supports the denomination's ministries and agencies.

	
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Texas Tidbits

Leeper appointed Baylor chief of staff. Baylor University President John Lilley has appointed Karla Leeper chief of staff, effective June 1. Leeper, associate professor and acting chair of the department of communication studies at Baylor, will succeed interim chief Michael Morrison, who returns to teaching duties at Baylor Law School. Leeper is a graduate of the University of Iowa. She earned a master's degree and a doctoral degree

from the University of Kansas.

Levrets receive missions award. Hardin-Simmons University's Logsdon School of Theology named Fred and Marylou Levrets recipients of the 2006 Jesse C. Fletcher Award for distinguished service in missions. The Levrets—both former Hardin-Simmons students—served 29 years in Africa as missionaries with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.