

On the move

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- **Ada Ferguson** to First Church in Texarkana as church counselor.
- **Andy Hanson** to Rose Hill Church in Texarkana as minister of youth and education.
- **J.K. Minton** to Central Church in Luling as interim pastor.
- **Kyle Reese** to Hendricks Avenue Church in Jacksonville, Fla., as pastor from First Church in San Angelo.
- **Dave Towns** to Little Deer Creek Church in Chilton as pastor.

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and around the world.

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

AMARILLO—Neal Hughes feels certain about two things: Churches need to be started in multihousing environments, and doing so begins with prayer.

Public prayer in Jesusâ€™ name debated

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Evangelist
Franklin
Graham gives
the invocation
at the 2001
inauguration
of President
Bush. His
Christian
prayer on that
occasion
sparked
controversy.
(RNS file
photo/Courtesy
of the Billy
Graham
Evangelistic
Association)

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By Adelle Banks

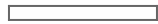
Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Re-tired Army Chaplain David Peterson models how he thinks sensitive Christians should pray in public.

Texas Tidbits

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O'Brien appointed provost and executive VP at Baylor. Baylor University's interim Provost Randall O'Brien has been appointed executive vice president and provost. He had served as interim vice president for academic affairs and provost since last June. O'Brien joined the Baylor religion faculty in 1991 and has been a religion department chair and acting dean of Truett Theological Seminary. He earned degrees from Mississippi College, Yale Divinity School and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is an ordained Baptist minister and has been pastor of three churches and interim pastor at more than a dozen congregations, including Columbus Avenue Baptist Church in Waco, where he currently serves. O'Brien and his wife, Kay, an adjunct professor in Baylor's School of Social Work, have three children—Elise, Shannon and Christopher.

TBM helps West Texas ranchers. Texas Baptist Men volunteers are meeting a ton of needs in West Texas—three tons, in fact. Texas Baptist Men volunteer John LaNoue hauled 6,000 pounds of donated cattle feed to Pampa, where it will be distributed to ranchers who lost much of their

grass to recent wildfires. Members of First Baptist Church in Pampa helped unload the cattle feed and will distribute it. LaNoue, who delivered the feed on his way to preach at a revival at First Baptist Church in Wheeler, said the trip was perfectly timed by God. He was able to bring supplies to people who need and enable Baptists in Pampa to share the gospel by distributing those supplies.

TOGETHER: Faithful servants, doing God's work

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Last week, I spent time with ministers of education and administration at their annual retreat in Salado. These men and women carry crucial staff assignments, serving at the nerve center of our churches. Generally, they take off the pastor's shoulders many of the organizational and educational details that otherwise would consume much time and energy.

I consider them gifted and godly friends and colleagues in ministry who play an often-unnoticed and sometimes-under-appreciated role. They have a special calling, and they need the faithful prayers of their congregations.



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Their assignment—to provide lay-led Bible study—helps the church do all its work more than any other ministry or organization I know.

Cybercolumn By John Duncan: Ascension gifts

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CYBER COLUMN: Ascension gifts

By John Duncan

I'm sitting here under the old oak tree, thinking about the ascension of

Christ. “Ascending” sounds like something you do when you climb a ladder. “Ascending” sounds like an eagle riding the wind to new heights. “Ascending” is what my middle daughter did when she was young when she climbed on top of the refrigerator.

The thrill of Christmas and Easter buzz like sirens around the church and even in the world. Rightly so, because, as Christians, we circle those dates on the calendar and celebrate them in the glory of Christ. Ah, what glory it is! The poet Gerard Manley Hopkins once said, “Glory be to God for dappled things.” I looked up “dappled” in the dictionary. It means to mark with different colors. Christmas and Easter add color to the Christian calendar, the church and the Christian life. Where would we be without those dappled things? And, how drab and dull and colorless our lives would be without Christ in Christmas and Easter?

John Duncan

BaptistWay Bible Series for May 7: Behaving nobly in a dog-eat- dog world

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Behaving nobly in a dog-eat-dog world

• 1 Samuel 24:2-15; 26:6-12

By Joseph Matos

Family Bible Series for May 7: There is no substitute for caring for one another

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There is no substitute for caring for one another

• Ruth 1:15-17; 2:2-7, 10-12; 4:13-17

By Greg Ammons

Explore the Bible Series for May 7: God's light awaits at the end of the journey

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- Isaiah 49:1-53:12

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Isaiah 49:1-6

BaptistWay Bible Series for April 30: Competing loyalties

require discernment

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- 1 Samuel 20:1-18; 35-42

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Family Bible Series for April 30: Don't let fear interfere with sharing the gospel

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• Acts 2:1-4, 22-24, 32-33, 36-41

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Explore the Bible Series for April 30: When God wants to do a new thing, saddle up

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• Isaiah 44:1-48:22

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An entire generation or more of Jews had been born and had grown up in

Babylonia, far from their ancestral home. It was common practice in the ancient world for great empires, after they had conquered a territory, to transplant the leading citizens—the ruling family, aristocratic classes and priests—to a distant land and resettle them there.