

Managing risks a crucial church stewardship issue

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

SAN ANGELO—When church leaders fail to identify and manage risks in areas such as legal liability, health and safety standards, and compliance with civil rights laws, they neglect an important aspect of biblical stewardship, risk-management consultant Dick Baggett has concluded.

Let terminally ill control own fate, most say

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By Jason Kane

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-An overwhelming majority of white Catholics and Protestants support laws endorsing the right of terminally ill patients to decide whether medical care should keep them alive, a new study by the Pew Research Center has found.

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By Bobby Ross Jr.

Religion News Service

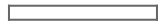
AUSTIN (RNS)- A letter from Gov. Rick Perry's office advocates teaching intelligent design in public school classrooms, but Perry's office and the

state school board chairwoman insist there are no plans to push for curriculum changes.

Texas Tidbits

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Baylor names chair of Christian ethics in business. Mitchell Neubert has been appointed Chavanne Chair for Christian Ethics in Business by the Hankamer School of Business at Baylor University. Before joining Baylor, Neubert was director of the masters' programs in organizational change and development at Bowling Green State University. "In the new position, Neubert will serve as a champion and catalyst for ethics across business disciplines and within our executive, graduate and undergraduate programs," said Terry Maness, dean of the Hankamer School of Business. Neubert completed his doctorate in human resource management and organizational behavior at the University of Iowa.

BUA hires development officer. Jeff Johnson has joined Baptist University of the Americas as a development officer. Johnson was vice president for development with Lay Witnesses for Christ International, a sports chaplaincy ministry, and was pastor of Seventh & Main Baptist Church in Bonham. Johnson's job will include fundraising and new-donor

development as BUA gears up for its expansion to a new 75-acre campus that will break ground this year.

Hardin-Simmons, HBU named colleges of distinction. Hardin-Simmons University and Houston Baptist University are among 11 Texas schools named as colleges of distinction by collegesofdistinction.com, a national higher education guide. To qualify for the designation, the schools were evaluated in four areas—"engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes."

California pastor to direct BGCT leadership team

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Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—The Baptist General Convention of Texas has appointed California pastor Reggie Thomas to direct its leadership development efforts.

Untapped potential in Christians' wallets

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If American Christians tithed, churches could gain \$156 billion a year, a recent study found.

Stewardship encompasses all of life

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TOGETHER:

One of a kind, plus 2 soul heart-cries

When I was in my twenties, I was deeply convicted about racial injustice and the failure of Baptists to move to a biblical view of Christlike love and acceptance. For many young Baptists and me, Foy Valentine was the prophetic voice we needed to hear.

Taught by the unforgettable biblical ethics professor T.B. Maston at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Foy became a voice for Baptists in the call for justice and righteousness in our nation. He served as director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Christian Life Commission before taking the CLC responsibility for Southern Baptists. He was not liked by everyone, but he saved me from despair and helped me believe Baptists would one day get it right.

We celebrated his life and the difference he made at his funeral at Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas Jan. 11.



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Cybercolumn by Berry Simpson: 6:23

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CYBER COLUMN: 6:23

By Berry Simpson

One day, I had this noble idea that if I looked up all the 6:23 verses in the Bible, maybe they would speak to me in some special way.

The reason I thought that was because my birthday is June 23, or 6:23. Surely the verses that correspond to my birthday, my verses, would speak to me in some significant way, I thought. Not all books of the Bible have six chapters, and among those that do have six chapters, not all have 23 verses. However, all in all, I found 21 6:23 verses.

Berry D. Simpson

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BaptistWay Bible Series for Jan. 22: We are not called to judge, but to serve

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BaptistWay Bible Series for Jan. 22

We are not called to judge, but to serve

- Luke 13:10-17

By Ronnie Prevost

Family Bible Series for Jan. 22: Focus on right things, focus on God

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Family Bible Series for Jan. 22

Focus on right things, focus on God

- Matthew 15:16-20; Proverbs 4:23-27, 6:16-19

By Donald Raney

Explore the Bible Series for Jan. 22: Paul instructs, be good citizens

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Explore the Bible Series for Jan. 22

Paul instructs, be good citizens

- Romans 13:1-14

By Trey Turner

Canyon Creek Baptist Church, Temple

“Politics” was a word originally suggesting the art of city management or functioning. Today, because of public dirty fights and underhanded methods, politics might seem to be a dirty word. The Apostle Paul wrote about relating to the government, instructing his Roman hearers to be good citizens.