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By Jeffrey MacDonald

Religion News Service

LOS ANGELES (RNS)—Religious leaders long have encouraged their flocks to take time for reflection on important values, but now researchers at UCLA have another reason to encourage such a discipline: It apparently reduces stress.

Children's home party a Christmas tradition for layman

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By **Miranda Bradley**

Texas Baptist Children's Home

ROUND ROCK-Norris Duncan, 84, has spent half his life celebrating Christmas with residents of Texas Baptist Children's Home.

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Baptist Credit Union marks 50th anniversary. Baptist Credit Union—a member-owned financial cooperative—recently marked 50 years of service to Texas Baptist churches and institutions. Ten employees of Baptist Memorial Hospital in San Antonio formed the credit union in 1955, and in 1977, the San Antonio-based credit union merged with the Dallas-based Baptist Employees Credit Union of Texas. Today, it includes more than 7,100 members, serving employees of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, its institutions and associations, and members of churches in Dallas Baptist Association and San Antonio Baptist Association. For more information, call (800) 222-2328.

Baylor students receive book at chapel. Baylor University distributed about 3,000 copies of *Understanding God's Will: How to Hack the Equation Without Formulas* by Kyle Lake to students attending chapel services recently. Lake died Oct. 30 when he was electrocuted while performing a baptism at University Baptist Church in Waco, where he was pastor seven years. "Kyle Lake did a great job addressing purpose and meaning of life, and I wanted the students to understand what he thought about God's will for our lives," said Byron Weathersbee, interim university chaplain. A group of Baylor alumni who were part of a supper club with Lake helped cover the cost of the book distribution. Relevant Publishing also made "quite a sacrificial gift" to get the books into students' hands, Weathersbee added.

Racial reconciliation workshop slated. Mission Waco will sponsor a Martin Luther King weekend church and community workshop on racial reconciliation Jan. 15-16 at the Meyer Center for Urban Ministries, 1226 Washington in Waco. Featured speakers include George Yancey, sociology professor at the University of North Texas; Glen Kehrein, executive director of Circle Urban Ministries in Chicago; and Alcides Guajardo, president of the Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas. Admission is free, but reservations are requested. Contact Jimmy_Dorrell@baylor.edu or call (254) 753-4900.

TOGETHER Make room for

children this Christmas

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TOGETHER:

Make room for children this Christmas

She just got her acceptance letter to Baylor.

Her sister went to Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Another sister is at Texas A&M.

Cybercolumn by Jeanie Miley: We are invited into the Jesus story

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CYBER COLUMN:

We are invited into the Jesus story

By Jeanie Miley

“I just can’t accept that a good God would send his only son to earth to do all the good Jesus did, only to murder him on a cross.”

The stillness in the room contrasted starkly with the force of the angry outburst.

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On the move

Amanda Bludworth to Salt Creek Church in Early as minister of youth.

 **Joe Brady** to First Church in Centerville as minister of music/education.

 **Thomas Brisco** to First Church in Haskell as interim pastor.

BaptistWay Bible Series for Dec. 25: For the Christian, âneighborâ is a broad term

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BaptistWay Bible Series for Dec. 25

For the Christian, ‘neighbor’ is a broad term

- Luke 10:25-37

By Christina Harvey

BaptistWay Bible Series for Christmas: The story of Christ’s birth is a story of love

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BaptistWay Bible Series for Christmas

The story of Christ’s birth is a story of love

- Luke 2:1-20

By Jeffrey Lee

Explore the Bible Series for Dec. 25: Good news: Jesus Christ is born

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Explore the Bible Series for Dec. 25

Good news: Jesus Christ is born

- Luke 2:8-20, 36-38

By Trey Turner

Canyon Creek Baptist Church, Temple

My wife and I have three children under 10 years of age. The youngest recently turned 2, so Christmas is a new set of joys for him.

Family Bible Series for Dec. 25:

Jesus is our conduit to the realm of heaven

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Family Bible Series for Dec. 25

Jesus is our conduit to the realm of heaven

- Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-2, 11

By Donald Raney

Judge rules prayer in Indiana legislature violates Constitution

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legislature violates Constitution

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS (ABP)—A federal judge in Indiana has said that state's practice of allowing explicitly Christian prayers to open legislative sessions violates the Constitution.

Federal District Judge David Hamilton ordered a halt to official sectarian invocations in the Indiana House of Representatives.