

# **DOWN HOME: New look reflects change in direction\_11005**

January 7, 2005

Posted: 1/07/05

## **DOWN HOME: New look reflects change in direction**

Usually, this column chronicles the goings-on among the Knoxes. Joanna, Lindsay, Molly and I aren't all that different from most Baptist families, so I enjoy contemplating the events that shape our lives, hoping they resonate with yours.

But this time, I'd like to talk about a larger family—the Baptist Standard family. If you're a subscriber or regular reader, sit down at the table; you're our kin.

You've probably noticed we remodeled the “house” over the Christmas holidays. As with all changes in our life together, some folks will like what we've done to the paper, and some won't. But I hope you'll decide the new Standard is an improvement.

---

\_\_\_\_\_

# **Faith-based Initiatives plan will continue in Bush second term\_11005**

January 7, 2005

Posted: 1/07/05

## **Faith-based Initiatives plan will continue in Bush second term**

**By Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The man spearheading President Bush's effort to increase government grants to religious social-service agencies said the initiative will continue in Bush's second term, although he offered few specifics as to how that will happen.

---

## **Tennessee Baptist named President of Fellowship of**

# Christian Athletes\_11005

January 7, 2005

Posted: 1/07/05

## Tennessee Baptist named President of Fellowship of Christian Athletes

**By Art Toalston**

*Baptist Press*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—Former NFL and college football coach Les Steckel has been selected as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' new president and chief executive officer.

---

## Religion in film pushes boundaries, finds receptive market\_11005

January 7, 2005

Posted: 1/07/05

# Religion in film pushes boundaries, finds receptive market

**By David Briggs**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)-2004 was an extraordinary year for religion in film because:

---

# Hunger, malnutrition kill 5 million children a year\_11005

January 7, 2005

Posted: 1/07/05

# Hunger, malnutrition kill 5 million children a year

**By Peggy Polk**

*Religion News Service*

ROME (RNS)-Hunger and malnutrition kill more than 5 million children a year and cost developing countries billions of dollars in lost productivity and national income, a United Nations report asserts.

---

# Baptist Briefs\_11005

January 7, 2005

Posted: 1/07/05

## Baptist Briefs

**New Orleans seminary names dean of students.** New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary President Chuck Kelley appointed Craig Price, pastor of Hot Springs (Ark.) Baptist Church, as dean of students. Price has 25 years of pastoral experience serving churches in Arkansas, Florida, Georgia and Texas. He is a graduate of the University of Florida and earned his master of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a former assistant professor at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., and was a teaching fellow at Southwestern Seminary during his doctoral studies.

**BWA withdrawal, missionary murders top 2004 stories.** Baptist state newspaper editors responding to a survey by the Associated Baptist Press news service named the Southern Baptist Convention's withdrawal from the Baptist World Alliance the top Baptist news story of 2004. The murder of four SBC missionaries in Iraq—including David McDonnell of Fort Worth—was the second most significant story, followed closely by President Bush's re-election with support from so-called "values voters." Other top stories included same-sex marriage, four hurricanes that hit Florida and the Caribbean and led to a massive disaster relief effort, and the blockbuster success of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" movie. ([See expanded story here](#))

**Warren makes Time magazine list.** Baptist pastor Rick Warren has been listed by Time magazine among the "People Who Mattered 2004" in the same issue in which President Bush was named "Person of the Year." In its Dec. 27 edition, Time says of Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church in Southern California: "Spirituality sold well in 2004, but none did better than Pastor Rick and his faith-based self-help book, 'The Purpose-Driven Life,' which hit 20 million copies sold. Though criticized for preaching Christianity lite, Warren led by example, giving away 90 percent of his royalties, campaigning against hunger and expanding a drug-recovery program for prison inmates."

---

## **Operation Inasmuch prompts ministry to the 'least of these'\_11005**

January 7, 2005

Posted: 1/07/05

### **Operation Inasmuch prompts ministry to the 'least of these'**

Ten years ago, Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville, N.C., was a church ready for a new challenge. To revitalize the congregation, staff members envisioned a brief local-missions blitz with the ambitious goal of involving more than half of the people attending Sunday morning services.

What resulted was a one-day effort to minister to “the least of these” in and around Fayetteville, a military town. Blending military and biblical terminology, they called the project “Operation Inasmuch,” taking inspiration from Jesus' parable in Matthew 25.

The first event drew 450 participants from the church—two-thirds of the average Sunday attendance.

David Renfro works on house renovation during Operation Inasmuch.
--

---

## **Suit would prevent teaching of 'intelligent design'\_11005**

January 7, 2005

Posted: 1/07/05

## **Suit would prevent teaching of**

# 'intelligent design'

**By Robert Marus**

*ABP Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Two civil-liberties watchdog groups have filed the first known lawsuit to prevent public schools from teaching the theory of "intelligent design."

---

## **Texas Baptist Forum\_11005**

January 7, 2005

Posted: 1/07/05

### **TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM:**

#### **Faith is foundation for all knowledge**

The ongoing situations at Baylor and Louisiana College open the question of the very nature of academic freedom. Following Michael Polanyi, the late missologist Lesslie Newbigin (hardly a fundamentalist) observed: "Truth is not a fruit of freedom. It is the precondition for freedom." In other words, freedom extends to the discovery of the truth and no further. Once the truth has been ascertained, academic freedom works within those bounds. Polanyi, a first-rate scientist, understood that all fields of knowledge—not just theology—begin on a foundation of faith. William Dembski understood

this when he used Polanyi's name for his ill-fated center at Baylor. In all fields, the sciences included, knowledge is "credo ut intelligam"—"I believe that I may know." The question for a Christian university is not a conflict between academic excellence and "holding as a matter of faith that certain truths already are definitively settled." The question is: Which truths are held by faith as settled, those of the Christian or those of the naturalist?

Tom Whitehouse

McAllen