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By Ken Camp

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Frank Graham testifies he has seen God work a few giant miracles in the last decade. Now he is praying for a lot of little ones over the next few years.

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By Terri Jo Ryan

Special to the Standard

WACO—About 200 members and friends of Lake Shore Baptist Church in Waco greeted Sept. 11 with lamentations for the dead, but also hymns of praise and love in the center of the church's labyrinth before fanning out across the city to perform good deeds in a program called “11 on 11.”

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Texas Baptist Communications

FORT WORTH-Energized and angered by comparisons between the civil right movement and gay activists' efforts to legalize same-sex unions, many African-American churches are taking a vocal stand for traditional marriages.

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WASHINGTON (RNS)-African-Americans are the most likely to participate in religious activities like prayer, Bible reading and worship attendance, compared to other racial and ethnic groups, a survey shows.

The Barna Group, a Ventura, Calif.-based consulting firm, found that 91 percent of blacks said they prayed to God in the previous week, compared to 86 percent of Hispanics, 81 percent of whites and 46 percent of Asians.

The research, based on surveys of 2,632 adults, revealed 59 percent of blacks said they had read the Bible in the previous week, compared to 39 percent of Hispanics, 36 percent of whites and 20 percent of Asians.

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—A religious-liberty group often accused of attacking conservative churches for political activity has criticized two progressive Baptist congregations for Democratic advocacy.

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By Michelle Chabin

Religion News Service

JERUSALEM—Since the start of the Palestinian uprising four years ago, local archaeologists, many of them working on sites alluded to in the Bible, have had to scale back or even cancel their digs.

Around the State_92004

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Around the State

A concert benefiting Christian Women's Job Corps will be held at the Meyerson Symphony Hall in Dallas Sept. 21. The evening will feature the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, area church choirs and special guests. Longtime board member **Robert Langford** will be honored posthumously

during the event. He spearheaded creating the event last year and died this spring. For more information, call (214) 391-5511.

♦ Hardin-Simmons University alumni and spouses who are currently serving in the armed forces of the United States or who have done so in the past are invited to a veterans' reunion breakfast at the school Oct. 30. It will be held in conjunction with homecoming activities. A steering committee has met and is making plans for the reunion of Reserve Officer Training Corps graduates and veterans with HSU ties. People meeting the criteria for the breakfast are asked to send their mailing address and e-mail address to egarrett@hsutx.edu or **Earl Garrett**, Box 16030, HSU, Abilene 79698.



As a part of an outreach effort to two local apartment complexes, youth, college students and young adults of First Church in Georgetown helped children from the complexes learn and practice swimming skills.

Members of the church also transported children living in the apartments to and from Vacation Bible School at the church and held block parties at each site. One of those parties coincided with the dedication of playground equipment at apartments that previously offered none. The church donated \$500 toward the purchase of the equipment.

♦ **Ann Gebuhr**, professor of music at Houston Baptist University, has been granted a commission from the Foundation for Universal Sacred Music to compose a choral work for performance in New York City in the fall of 2005.

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BaptistWay Press adult Bible study materials have become financially self-supporting for the first time in their four-year history.

BaptistWay Bible Series for Sept. 26: God gives strength, mercy enough to perservere_92004

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God gives strength, mercy enough to persevere

2 Corinthians 4:1-15

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2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

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By Marv Knox

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DALLAS-Michael Bell, longtime pastor of Greater St. Stephen First Baptist Church in Fort Worth, will be nominated for first vice president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas when it meets Nov. 8-9.

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BESLAN, Russia (ABP)-At least six children of Baptist leaders were killed when a hostage standoff in a Russian school ended violently Sept. 3, according to Baptist groups from the region.

The two-day crisis in the southern town of Beslan came to a climax when Russian commandos stormed the school following an explosion, according to news sources on the scene. Russian authorities have said that at least 338 people-many of them schoolchildren-were killed in the massacre, and hundreds remain missing.

Baptist World Alliance leaders familiar with the situation said the tragedy hit the local Baptist church in Beslan hard. Pastor Sergey Totjiev and his wife, Bela, lost two children, and one son remains hospitalized with a severe eye injury.