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1 Peter 2:13-14, 17-21; 3:1-4,

7-9; 5:5-7

By Rodney McGlothlin

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Members of Zion Hills Full Gospel Church join hands to pray with volunteers from Texas, Georgia and North Carolina during FamilyFEST, a volunteer missions effort in Pittsburgh, Pa., coordinated by Woman's Missionary Union. WMU volunteers from 12 states served at 15 ministry sites in Pittsburgh this summer during MissionsFEST and FamilyFEST events. About 165 volunteers, including 27 families, participated in backyard Bible clubs, surveys, block parties, light construction, landscaping, repairs, prayerwalking and cooking at a children's camp. Some volunteers, such as 18-year-old Morgan Worsham of Conroe (left) planted and picked vegetables on an eight-acre farm for the Pittsburgh Food Bank. She worked with her grandmother, Jeanette Cliett of Pasadena. MissionsFEST and FamilyFEST in Pittsburgh were a partnership between national WMU, Pennsylvania/South Jersey WMU, Appalachian Regional Ministry and the Baptist Association of Southwestern Pennsylvania. For more information on future WMU FamilyFEST or MissionsFEST opportunities, visit www.wmu.com, or call (205) 991-4097.



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Members of
The Oaks
Baptist
Church in
Grand Prairie
and Texas
Baptist Men
volunteers
discuss
where
dehumidifiers
will be most
helpful after
floodwaters
deluged parts
of North
Texas.

Floods prompt outpouring of ministry

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

BALCH SPRINGS-Debbie Christner stood on her porch as rushing water encroached on her home. It had happened before, and the water always receded before it flooded the house. But this time was different. The water did not slow down.

Casino impact studies ignore social costs, researchers say_80904

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Casino impact studies ignore social costs, researchers say

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

Independent researchers maintain a recently released study on the economic impact of casinos in Texas trumpets casinos' benefits without fully considering costs to taxpayers.

Gambling industry has money, but opponents insist they have hope_80904

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Gambling industry has money, but opponents insist they have hope

By Kirsten Pasha & Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (ABP)-In the Bible, casting lots—which many consider gambling—was a way for God's sovereignty to reign through randomness. Now gambling is drawing lots—lots of people, that is.

God's Man in Texas_80904

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God's Man in Texas

Hugh Feagin

(Phillip

Gottschall) and

Bill Jenkins

(Jeremiah

Mears) appear

in "God's Man

in Texas," a

play by David

Rambo

chronicling the

challenges

faced by a

young mega-

church pastor

when he is

named heir-

apparent to the

largest Baptist

church in the

Southwest.

Directed by

Rene Moreno,

the play will be

performed at

Circle Theatre

in Fort Worth

through Sept.

11. For more
information,

call (817)

877-3040.

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By Marv Knox

Editor

DALLAS-Ken Hall has announced he will not seek a second one-year term as president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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Local children make a mad dash at the start of a ballgame during Vacation Bible School recreation time at the Progreso Community Center. The Buckner/Cooperative Baptist Fellowship KidsHeart teams often worked closely with community centers and schools to provide activities for children. (Russ Dilday Photo)

Volunteers are 'hands and feet of Jesus' to Valley families

By Scott Collins

Buckner News Service

PROGRESO-A pile of discarded shingles lay in the summer sun outside Alicia Pena's home. The roof had been stripped down to its rotted plywood.

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Texas Baptist Forum

Gambling battle

The battle to keep our schools free from funding through gambling and other sin taxes is not over!

The Perryman Report claims casino gambling, with 34 licenses issued, would generate \$2.3 billion, with 15 percent going to the state. Can you just imagine the detrimental effects of increased criminal activity, loss of income, needed dollars drained to Las Vegas crime lords and rise in gambling addiction with 34 full-time casinos in Texas? They do not build

those things so people can be entertained and win money.

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Of course, casinos must be OK if the members of the Texas Enhancement Group “are not casino owners but are potential investors in projects if gambling is legalized,” which is what group member Barry Keenan told the Baytown Sun. The last time I looked, investors are owners!

On the Move_80904

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On the Move

Steve Bowen has resigned as pastor at First Church in Bloomburg.

- ◆ **Donnie Brown** to First Church in Olton as interim pastor.
 - ◆ **Paul Carter** has resigned as pastor of First Church in Lucas.
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Operation Multiplication strategy builds on Jesus' discipleship model_80905

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Operation Multiplication strategy builds on Jesus' discipleship model

By Mary Crouch

BGCT Summer Intern

SAN ANTONIO-Jesus made disciples one at a time. If it was his technique, San Antonio-area Baptist leaders feel it's the best for them as well.

Three Russian orphans still need parents_80904

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Three Russian orphans still need parents



Anastasya, 13

Nicknamed "Nastya," she was born in October 1990 in Leningrad. A talented performer, singer and dancer, she likes fruits, potatoes, spaghetti, cheese and beef. During the Angels from Abroad trip, she said she enjoyed her host family and their children, learning how to operate a washer and dryer, and swimming.

Galina, 10

Born in St. Petersburg, "Galya" also is a talented performer who likes cheese, bananas, apples, chicken and potatoes. Her orphanage caregivers describe her as "merry and sociable" and her favorite things about her Angels visit were her host family, their children and dog and "playing outside."

Sergey, 13

A St. Petersburg native, Sergey has an "amazing voice" and his caregivers describe him as a "happy, social and responsible" boy who likes fruits, cheese and sweets. He especially enjoyed seeing all the tall buildings in Dallas and going to a Texas Rangers baseball game.

DALLAS-Nearly two months following their visit to North Texas, three Buckner "angels from abroad"-orphan children from St. Petersburg, Russia-have yet to be matched with prospective parents in the United States.

The three were among 18 orphans who traveled to the United States for a

two-week stay sponsored by Buckner Orphan Care International as part of its Angels from Abroad initiative. The children stayed with volunteer host families in North Texas.

The Angels from Abroad trip was planned to "raise awareness about the needs of older children living in Russian orphanages and Buckner Orphan Care International's programs to improve their lives," said Tiffany Taylor of Buckner.