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CYBERCOLUMN: God always will be with us

By Jeanie Miley

I could be wrong about it, but I just don't believe in a godless society.

It is entirely possible that I am dead wrong, but I don't think any human being can take God out of a classroom or a culture.

Super Summer speaker Kyle Byrd shuns 'middle of the road'_80904

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Super Summer speaker Kyle Byrd shuns 'middle of the road'

By Leann Callaway

Special to the Baptist Standard

SUGAR LAND—After being offered a contract with the Texas Rangers, Kyle Byrd struggled with the choice between a career in professional baseball or the pursuit of the Lord's call on his life to ministry.

Buckner seeks adoptive parents for Myson, African-American newborn_72604

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DALLAS-Myson, a newborn African-American boy, urgently needs parents to adopt him, according to Buckner Adoption and Maternity Services.

“We are confident God has the perfect family for him,” said Courtney Warren, community relations representative for Buckner.

“We are asking Baptist Standard readers to please pray for Myson and others who need forever families, and please forward this information to anyone you know who might be interested in this situation.”

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PINEVILLE, La. (ABP)-Trustees of Louisiana College, faced with the resignation of their chairman and the school's president, have elected a new trustee leader in a closed-door, off-campus meeting.

Bill Hudson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Rayne, La., announced his election as trustee chair after the meeting, which was closed to reporters and visitors, according to the Town Talk newspaper in Alexandria, La. No vote count was announced.

Hudson succeeds another pastor, Joe Nesom of First Baptist Church in Jackson, La., who resigned June 27, claiming trustees were making decisions intended to "humiliate and punish those that they despise."

Federal Marriage Amendment died in Senate_72604

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Federal Marriage Amendment died in Senate

By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Senate supporters of a constitutional ban on gay marriage failed to muster a simple majority in support of the amendment July 14, most likely killing the proposal until next year.

Proponents of marriage amendment pledge to continue their campaign_72604

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By Kirsten Pasha

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Despite a first-round defeat for the Federal Marriage Amendment July 14, proponents vowed to continue fighting and say they expect to win.

God's gift so great, Christians can't keep quiet, pastor says_72604

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

SAN ANTONIO-God has given Christians something worth talking about,

and it's too good for them to keep it to themselves, insisted Charles Booth, the featured preacher at the African American Fellowship/Church Health and Growth Conference.

Churches that hit dead end need to turn around, consultant recommends_72604

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SAN ANTONIO-When a person hits a dead end, he needs to turn around. And congregations that have plateaued or are declining need to do the same thing, according to a Dallas Baptist Association consultant.

Roosevelt Broach, the association's director of church planting and development, noted 85 percent of Southern Baptist churches have either level or declining membership, indicating a lack of healthy congregations.

"We've got to turn it around," he said. "We've got to stop this."

African American Fellowship sets goals for missions growth_72604

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By Janelle Bagci

BGCT Summer Intern

SAN ANTONIO-The African American Fellowship of Texas Baptists intends to raise awareness of student mission opportunities in the next year and increase the number of African-American student summer missionaries by more than 12 times.

Chicago pastor urges church

leaders to leave markers for next generation to follow_72604

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SAN ANTONIO-Christian leaders need to leave “markers” so future generations will know “where the leadership stood” when God worked through them, Chicago Pastor Lacey Curry said during the African American Fellowship/Church Health and Growth Conference.

Citing the Old Testament story of Joshua telling the Israelites to leave stones marking where God parted the Jordan River, he said such markers tell others “this is where the Lord himself intervened and made possible some things that would not otherwise have been possible.”

<p>Pastor Lacey Curry of Chicago encourages African-American church leaders to leave markers for future generations.</p>
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Markers help leaders begin correctly, added Curry, pastor emeritus of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Chicago.

Five churches honored for CP giving_72604

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SAN ANTONIO—The Baptist General Convention of Texas has honored five African-American congregations for their contributions through the BGCT Cooperative Program in 2003.

The honors are based on resident church membership. The five categories and honorees are:

1-50 members: Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Lubbock; Pastor Robert McKenzie; \$5,010.