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About a dozen students from Tarleton State University traveled to South Padre Island to offer free van rides, pancake breakfasts and words of Christian witness to partiers on spring break. But they never expected to render emergency first aid to accident victims and minister to anyone in a hospital.

"Our group had an experience unlike any I have ever encountered at beach reach in the past three years," said Stephen Alexander, Baptist Student Ministries intern at Tarleton.

- [See Complete Spring Break Ministry Coverage Here](#)

At about 1 a.m., the volunteers who provided van rides came upon an accident scene. Fortunately, one of the Tarleton students, Brian Salge, is an emergency medical technician and trained first-responder.

"He was the first EMT on the scene and immediately started giving first aid," Alexander recalled.

RIGHT or WRONG? Political correctness

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RIGHT or WRONG? Political correctness

More and more, when I treat people as I believe a Christian should, other people dismiss my actions by saying something like, "That's so PC"—politically correct. Even Christians seem to reject Jesus' statement, "Love one another." How should I respond?

DBU president's leukemia in remission

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DBU president's leukemia in remission

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

Dallas Baptist University President Gary Cook has learned his leukemia is in remission, and the possibility of a recurrence appears slim.

"I have wonderful news. God has healed me," Cook wrote in a March 25 posting on the DBU website. "The 1 million-cell genetic study has been completed, and I have no cancer cells. I am in remission!"

Bible Studies for Life Series for April 6: Moving out of your comfort zone

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Bible Studies for Life Series for April 6

Moving out of your comfort zone

- Genesis 12:1-8; 13:5-9, 14-16

By Gary Long

Explore the Bible Series for April 6: When others hate you

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Explore the Bible Series for April 6

When others hate you

- Genesis 37:2-11, 17-20, 28

[By Donald Raney](#)

First Baptist Church, Petersburg

Humans were created to be in relationship with other humans. It is one of our most basic needs. That need can create in us a strong desire to be accepted by others. We often look for validation of ourselves through seeking the approval of others. This in turn can lead us to exaggerate in describing our accomplishments and blame others for our faults or shortcomings.

Obama campaign spotlights race, pulpit freedom

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)—While the political consequences of Sen. Barack Obama's [March 18 speech](#) on race created chatter for cable-news channels, the episode is noteworthy for another reason, according to experts in religion and politics.

For the first time in modern American history, a presidential candidate's pastor and congregation are the cause of a major campaign controversy.

Sen.
Barack
Obama
delivers a
speech on
race in
response to
controversy
over
remarks by
his long-
time
pastor,
Jeremiah
Wright,
who
recently
retired at
Trinity
United
Church of
Christ in
Chicago.

Bible Studies for Life Series for

March 30: Living with passion for Jesus

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Living with passion for Jesus

- Revelation 1:9-13,17-18; 3:14-22

[By Gary Long](#)

Explore the Bible Series for March 30: Renewing your commitment

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Explore the Bible Series for March 30

Renewing your commitment

- Genesis 34:30-31; 35:1-7, 9-15

[By Donald Raney](#)

First Baptist Church, Petersburg

The Bible is full of great stories. Some of these inspire us to stretch our faith while others teach us insights into the character of God or the nature of the Christian life. Still other Bible stories shock and perhaps even disgust modern readers and many wonder why such stories were included in the Bible.

BRIEFS: Hymnal contents released

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New hymnal contents revealed. Titles of 674 hymns and worship songs included in the new Baptist Hymnal have been released by its publisher, LifeWay Christian Resources. "There is a good mix of hymns, worship music and praise choruses," said Mike Harland, director of LifeWay Worship. "About 300 of these songs are new ones to our hymnal. Of these 300, about 200 have been published in other hymnals and about 100 are

brand-new hymns and songs that haven't been published in any hymnal before." The full list of the songs is available at www.lifewayworship.com.

Schools' group picks leader. The International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities has elected Michael Arrington, provost of Carson-Newman College, as executive director. Arrington, 62, succeeds Thomas Corts, who in September was named by President Bush to coordinate education initiatives for the United States Agency for International Development. Arrington will retire as provost at Carson-Newman effective at the close of the academic year.

SBC preschool/children's registration opens. Registration is open for families planning to enroll their children in June 8-11 preschool childcare or the children's conference in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting in Indianapolis, Ind. For all information regarding registration, visit www.sbc.net and click on "2008 SBC Annual Meeting" then "Children/Students."

Ouachita dean nominated for CBF post. Hal Bass, a dean at Ouachita Baptist University, has been nominated for moderator-elect for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Bass is a native of Corpus Christi who graduated from Baylor University and Vanderbilt University. He teaches political science and is dean of the school of social sciences at Ouachita. North Carolina pastor Jack Glasglow is the current moderator-elect. He will assume the office of moderator on June 20 at the conclusion of the CBF General Assembly in Memphis, Tenn. Harriet Harral of Fort Worth is the fellowship's current moderator, and she will become chair of the nominating committee after the general assembly.

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By Greg Garrison

Religion News Service

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (RNS)—Churches can be a major factor in preventing suicide if they are willing to learn about the problem and reach out with compassion, said a theologian who specializes in pastoral care related to suicide.

“People who attend church have a lower suicide rate than people who don’t,” said Loren Townsend, a professor of pastoral ministry at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and author of *Pastoral Care in Suicide*. “Churches provide caring relationships that can help protect people from suicide.”

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—Reports the Religious Right's demise have been greatly exaggerated, according to Tony Perkins and Harry Jackson.

But Jim Wallis, Samuel Rodriguez, David Gushee and other leaders and authors argue that the Religious Right, while not dead, is certainly suffering from a failure to thrive.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—What is the IRS thinking?

That's the question that many church-state experts asked themselves when news broke in late February about the Internal Revenue Service's [investigation of Sen. Barack Obama's denomination](#).