

Dallas-area Baptist volunteers join in Habitat for Humanity building blitz_53104

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A Habitat for Humanity volunteer team leader takes a break from nailing a board to the roof of a house to look out at a row of homes under construction.

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS-Texas Baptists helped an effort to construct 22 homes in south Dallas through a Habitat for Humanity building blitz.

Retired minister becomes pastor to pastors in San Angelo_53104

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Retired minister becomes pastor to pastors in San Angelo

By George Henson

Staff Writer

SAN ANGELO-Lenard Hartley has retired, but he hasn't quit. If anything, he has expanded the scope of his influence and ministry.

Texas Baptist Forum_53104

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM: No fear of God

You know, I usually just toss the Baptist Standard in the trash without even reading it because of its history, but I looked through it today, and nothing has changed.

Why would you print a political letter like "Holy war" (May 17) for some hateful ignorant (person) from Louisville in our Texas state paper? The letter has no merit for the Standard. Why would you misuse the paper like that?

E-mail the editor at

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I don't want to pick up the Baptist Standard and read someone trashing our president and his efforts to deal with terrorism. Especially when you don't print a balanced response. And the editor needs to reread the mission statement of the Standard, assuming there is one.

Covenant model offers hope for 'getting marriage right,' ethicist insists_53104

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By Cecile Holmes

Religion News Service

JACKSON, Tenn. (RNS)—David Gushee's concept of marriage shifted dramatically a few years ago after he offered pastoral counseling to a couple entering Christian union from rocky pasts.

NAMB enters cooperative agreement with Baptist

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By James Dotson

North American Mission Board

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP)—The North American Mission Board has entered into the first cooperative agreement with the newly formed Convention of Southern Baptist Churches of Puerto Rico.

On the Move_53104

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On the Move

Russell Allen to First Church in Grandview as pastor, where he had been associate pastor for education and youth.

- ♦ **Josh Ballard** to First Church in Wortham as minister of youth.

- ♦ **James Barron** to Central Church in Weatherford as pastor.
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Call for Renewal seeks to make poverty an electoral issue_53104

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Fighting poverty should be a far more prominent issue for American Christians in the 2004 elections than it has been in the past, a diverse group of leaders meeting in Washington maintain.

Promise Keepers pledge to move from stadium rallies to the marketplace_53104

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By Adelle Banks

Religion News Service

DENVER (RNS)-Promise Keepers officials intend to change the focus of their Christian men's ministry after a survey they commissioned found most men do not consider matters of faith a top need or challenge in their lives.

Ratings report reveals religious radio stations on the rise_53104

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Ratings report reveals religious radio stations on the rise

WASHINGTON (RNS)-The number of religious radio stations is on the increase, growing by more than 100 from 2002 to 2003, a recent Arbitron report shows.

The number of religious stations grew by 122, or more than 6 percent, from 1,843 to 1,965. The 2003 total constitutes 14 percent of the 13,898 radio stations in the country.

In "Radio Today: How America Listens to Radio," Arbitron defines religious stations as those featuring gospel and "contemporary Christian" music as well as non-music stations that focus on "teaching programs."

Religious freedom in Afghanistan & Iraq endangered, panel says_53104

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Religious freedom in Afghanistan

& Iraq endangered, panel says

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-The future of religious freedom in the rebuilt Afghanistan may be in grave danger, and the United States should avoid similar problems as it rebuilds Iraq, a federal panel's annual report concluded.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)-The future for religious freedom in the world's biggest democracy looks much brighter after Indian voters overwhelmingly defeated a Hindu nationalist party, experts in the subject say.

Oklahoma Muslim student will be allowed to wear headscarves to school_53104

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MUSKOGEE, Okla. (RNS) -An Oklahoma school district will allow a sixth-grade Muslim student to wear her religiously prescribed headscarf to school.

Nashala Hearn, an 11-year-old, was suspended twice last fall for wearing her hijab.

School officials in Muskogee, Okla., said it violated a policy banning "hats, caps, bandannas, plastic caps or hoods on jackets" in school buildings.