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By Roger Olsen

“Holy rollers,” “religious fanatics,” “sectarians,” “crazy Christians.”

What religious group is being described? Pentecostals? Yes; by their uninformed critics. But also Baptists—in some parts of the United States, Canada and Europe.

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By James Dotson

North American Mission Board

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP)-Most Southern Baptist volunteer missions trips involve construction, but evangelistic events, Vacation Bible Schools and backyard Bible clubs also are popular, a Southern Baptist North American Mission Board survey reveals.

Cybercolumn by John Duncan: The quality God blesses_40504

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CYBERCOLUMN:

The quality God blesses

By John Duncan

I'm sitting here under the old oak, tree asking what one trait does God always bless? As I ponder deep thoughts, the world spins out of control.

I write with the news fresh on my mind. Bush and Kerry drive toward the upcoming elections by plotting their economic strategies for American consumers. Do they know that consumers pay \$1.44 for bread at Wal-Mart and \$1.59 for unleaded gas? A 9-11 panel is still trying to solve the terror attacks on New York from September 2001. While they meet, an influential Shiite cleric from Iraq declares the terror attacks of Sept. 11 a "miracle from God." He must worship the unknown God of Acts 17, because my God takes glory in abundant life, not explosive death.

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Every now and then, someone says something that puts life into perspective.

This just happened to me.

Joanna looked across the room and told me: "Here. I need you to sign this."

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How can you simultaneously hug an abused preschooler in Longview, provide parenting skills to a too-young mother in Lubbock, counsel a fragile family in Laredo and teach neglected teens how to prepare for adulthood in Lufkin?

How can you place a baby with adoptive parents in Seymour and at the same time give teens in Beaumont the skills they need to stay off drugs and

help inner-city children enjoy God's beautiful world in the Hill Country near Burnet?

How can you pray with a widow in Austin as you help a couple in Dallas cope with the frailties of age?

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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS-A “strong consensus” has developed regarding the appropriate role of religion in public schools, a church-state legal expert said.

LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for April 11: Worship is proper response to resurrection_40504

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Worship is proper response to resurrection

Matthew 28

By David Morgan

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God's grace gives testimony to his great love

Matthew 28:1-10; Ephesians 2:4-9

By Rodney McGlothlin

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Matthew 16:13-19; Ephesians 2:17-22

By Rodney McGlothlin

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WASHINGTON (RNS)- An annual Gallup Poll found nearly two-thirds of Americans are dissatisfied with the country's moral and ethical climate.

But younger people seem to be less pessimistic than their elders, the poll revealed.

Gallup's annual Mood of the Nation poll found that 64 percent of Americans are dissatisfied with the country's moral climate, while 35 percent say they are satisfied.

Church struggles to learn legal lessons from bus accident 40504

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By Ken Camp

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ELDORADO—About five months after a bus crash claimed the lives of nine senior adults on a church-sponsored trip, members of First Baptist Church in Eldorado planned their first major out-of-town trip since the accident.