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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

HOUSTON-In the shadow of the grand Super Bowl extravaganza, Texas Inner City Evangelism team members found small actions can have the greatest impact.

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A child
looks on a
"M.T.
Head" and
"Sweet P."
make a
balloon dog
for him
during a
sports
carnival at
Cloverleaf
Baptist
Church,
near
Houston.
The sports
carnival
was one of
many
evangelistic
events
planned in
conjunction
with the
Super
Bowl. (John
Hall
Photos)

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HOUSTON The Super Bowl has spring-boarded many athletes to international fame. Texas Baptists used the event to point people to something more important.

Texas Baptist Men show Christian love to Iranian refugees in tent city_20904

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

From hurricanes in Latin America to famines in Africa and Asia, Texas

Baptist Men volunteers have been some of the first responders among faith-based disaster relief providers over the last three decades.

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Texas Baptist Men's personnel search committee will nominate interim director Leo Smith as the organization's executive director when the TBM board of directors meets Feb. 27 at Latham Springs Baptist Encampment.

Texas Tidbits_20904

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Texas Tidbits

Brueggemann to lecture at Truett. Old Testament scholar and noted author Walter Brueggemann will present the Parchman Lecture series March 9-11 at Truett Theological Seminary in Waco. His lectures will be presented at 3 p.m. daily in the seminary chapel and are open to the public. For more information, contact Roger Olson at (254) 710-6654.

Joel Gregory

Gregory and Seay share pulpit at Wayland. Joel Gregory, former pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, and Chris Seay, pastor of Ecclesia Community in Houston, will headline the 83rd annual Panhandle Pastors' and Laymen's Conference, Feb. 23-24 at Wayland Baptist University. Gregory will lead the conference Bible study, focusing on restoration and reconciliation. Seay will preach on bridging the generations in the church. A special session for Hispanic pastors and laymen will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 23 in Brown Chapel on the Wayland campus. Al Guajardo, president of the Hispanic Baptist Convention of Texas, will speak. For more information on the conference, call (806) 291-1165.

UMHB schedules retirement seminar. The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will co-sponsor an investment and retirement seminar for ministers Feb. 26 in the Mabee Student Center on the UMHB campus. For more information,

contact the church relations office at UMHB at (254) 295-4620 or email wmuske@umhb.edu.

Together: Repentance offers sin's only remedy_20904

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TOGETHER:

Repentance offers sin's only remedy

Worshipping the past few weeks in an African-American church in Missouri City, a Hispanic church in north Houston and an Anglo church in Seagoville, I have experienced both the joy and the seriousness of worship. God is good all the time. I cherish what I see him doing in the lives of Texas Baptists.

When we worship, we offer ourselves heart and soul to God. Everything in us is touched when we enter fully into his presence.

One often-neglected part of worship is the call to confess our sin before God that we might be forgiven and renewed.

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VALERA-The weather may be cold, but some West Texans are staying warm because of a children's choir that set out to make a difference in its community.

State Department names chief violators of religious liberty worldwide_20904

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By Rob Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-The State Department's annual report on the status of religious freedom across the globe includes some familiar faces among its chief offenders.

Christians needs to reclaim

their storytelling heritage, Seay says_12604

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Christians needs to reclaim their storytelling heritage, Seay says

By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

RICHARDSON—Christians reflect the Creator, and it's time for them to claim their place as the primary storytellers in today's culture, a postmodern pastor told the Texas Evangelism and Missions Conference.

Cybercolumn for 2/2 by Brett Younger: The preacher and the cannibals_12604

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CYBERCOLUMN: The preacher and the cannibals

By Brett Younger

When I was in the eighth grade, an evangelist came to our church for a week-long revival and offered the same lengthy invitation each night: “If you are not a Christian, then you need to come to the front, make a profession of faith and become a Christian right now. If you are a Christian, but have strayed into sin, then you need to come and rededicate your life. If you are a Christian and feel God tugging at your heart, then God is calling you to come to give yourself to full-time Christian service.”

Brett Younger

The evangelist was not easily dissuaded, so each night people went to the front to make decisions. By Thursday, the ones in my youth group who had not made some kind of decision were beginning to look suspect. I was already a Christian. I had been baptized when I was eight and had not strayed into sin. Some of my friends had started to stray into sin, but none of them had invited me to join them yet.

Commentary for 2/2 by Denton

Lotz: We belong together, because we belong to Christ!_12604

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COMMENTARY:

**"We belong together, because we
belong to Christ!"**

By Denton Lotz

Sunday, Feb. 1, is Baptist World Alliance Day of Prayer, when Baptists all over the world remember they are one in Jesus Christ.

Almost 100 years ago—July 17, 1905—in London, England, Southern Baptist and British Baptist leaders met and together with many others from around the world formed the Baptist World Alliance. Next year, we expect that thousands upon thousands of Baptists from around the world will gather in Birmingham, England (July 27-31, 2005) to celebrate the Baptist World Alliance centennial. All Baptists are invited to this BWA birthday celebration.

Commentary for 2/2 by Dwight A. Moody: Breaking the DaVinci Code_12604

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COMMENTARY: Breaking the DaVinci Code

By Dwight A. Moody

Dan Brown wrote a book, and for weeks it has been at the top of the New York Times bestseller list.

I understand why: I could not put it down.