

Relationship-building key to interfaith witnessing

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

CEDAR HILL-Whether a Christian is witnessing to a Muslim, Hindu or postmodernist, the keys to evangelism are relationship-building and prayer, speakers told a group at Mount Lebanon Baptist Encampment.

Texas Baptists held at gunpoint in Mexico

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By **John Hall**

Texas Baptist Communications

ARANSAS PASS—The pastor and three members of First Baptist Church were held at gunpoint in northern Mexico during the first week of February.

The group was traveling with a two missionaries and a hitchhiker they picked up on a scouting trip Feb. 7 when a vehicle loaded with men began driving aggressively toward them.

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Kidnapped worker, Afghan driver apparently dead in Afghanistan

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By **Hannah Elliott**

Associated Baptist Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (ABP)—A kidnapped aid worker with a Texas Baptist background and her Afghan driver are believed dead, according to the agency that supported them.

Cydney Mizell, 50, and Muhammad Hadi, whose age is unknown, were taken at gunpoint Jan. 26 while working in Kandahar, Afghanistan. While their employer, the [Asian Rural Life Development Foundation](#), has not been able to confirm their deaths, a spokeswoman said the organization has received “credible reports” of the news.

Cydney Mizell

Academy president announces retirement plans

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By Cindy Rollins

San Marcos Baptist Academy

SAN MARCOS—[San Marcos Baptist Academy](#) President Vic Schmidt has announced to the school's trustees his plans to retire July 1.

"I would have preferred to serve the academy for several more years, but some health issues prompt me I leave at the end of this school year," Schmidt said.

BaptistWay Bible Series for March 9: What does our prayer say about us?

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BaptistWay Bible Series for March 9

What does our prayer say about us?

- 1 Kings 8:22-36, 41-51

[By Kenneth Jordan](#)

Bible Studies for Life Series for March 16: Looking for love in all the wrong places

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Bible Studies for Life Series for March 16

Looking for love in all the wrong places

• John 3:16; 1 John 3:16-20; 4:15-18; 5:2-5

[By Gary Long](#)

Explore the Bible Series for March 16: Growing spiritually through crisis

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Explore the Bible Series for March 16

Growing spiritually through crisis

- Genesis 32:6-12, 24-31

By Donald Raney

First Baptist Church, Petersburg

Life is unpredictable. No matter how much we might plan, our best-paid plans often are thrown out by a crisis situation which arises unexpectedly. While the severity of the crisis may vary, most often our initial response is fear and anxiety over our perceived ability to overcome the situation and return to “normal.”

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Anne Rice explores Jesus' public ministry in new novel

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By [Benedicta Cipolla](#)

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Don't ask novelist Anne Rice about *The Da Vinci Code* unless you want an earful. Rice, who returned to the Catholic Church in 1998 and soon abandoned vampires, her former stock in trade, calls it a "load of nonsense."

Her latest novel, [Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana](#), is in many ways an orthodox response to the popular thriller that imagined Jesus and Mary Magdalene married.

Around the State

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Around the State

- **Howard Payne University** will hold the fourth annual HPU Woman's Club Yellow Rose Scholarship luncheon March 4. Humorist and author Rose-Mary Rumbley will be the featured speaker. The 2008 Yellow Rose scholarship also will be presented to a female junior student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and scholastic accomplishments. Tickets are \$15 and available at the HPU Harrison House or by calling (325) 649-8006.

- **Houston Baptist University** will unveil its new museum complex in the Joella and Stewart Morris Cultural Arts Center at 3 p.m. March 25. Three museums are included in the space: the Dunham Bible Museum, the Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts, and the Museum of Southern History. The Dunham Bible Museum houses one of the most extensive collections of rare American Bibles available to the public, including the only existing copy of one of oldest New Testaments in America, the Francis Bailey New Testament printed in 1780, and the 1782 Aitken Bible, the first English Bible printed in America.



Wildwood Church in Village Mills has broken ground for a family life center. The 13,310-square-foot building is being planned not only to minister to the congregation but the community as well.

Participating in the groundbreaking were, from left, MaKayla Linn, representing the future generation; Pastor Jimmy Linn; Barry Johnson, president of the board of the Wildwood property owners association; Calvin Cryer; Jerry Redkey, director of missions of Sabine Neches Area; Ben Worthy; Ken Mercer; Ron Huffpaur; Sibyl Allen; Marvin Fannin; and Frances Dismukes, a charter member of the church.

- **Dallas Baptist University** has announced a \$1 million donation in land and building costs by DBU trustee Patsy Smith. The land, located in Hurst, will be home to the Herman and Patsy Smith Center, which is soon to be under construction and will be the future location of DBU's new academic center in Tarrant County, known as DBU-Tarrant.

- **Dallas Baptist University, Houston Baptist University and Howard Payne University** have been named by the Corporation for National and Community Service to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth. DBU was given the additional honor of being one of three Texas universities to receive the honor roll with distinction designation.

Book reviews

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[How to Talk to Your Doctor: Getting the Answers and Care You Need](#), by **Patricia Agnew (Quill Driver Books)**

On a recent Sunday, I visited a church where a surgeon is one of the deacons. He operated on me more than 30 years ago when I was in pain, and he solved the problem. I never had talked with him since, and this gave

me a chance to say “thank you.”

Patricia Agnew is almost my age. She has written this how-to book of less than 100 pages to focus on the awkward patient-to-physician position. Witty but clear, its thoroughness almost guarantees your next appointment will be better than the last one.



What are you reading that other Texas Baptists would find helpful? Send suggestions and reviews to books@baptiststandard.com.

So, I’m going to write down some questions. Take a list of my medications. Ask somebody to go with me so that I don’t misunderstand. Bring up first the main reason I came. Make the most of my 15 minutes with the doctor. And if I still need details, use the computer or the public library for follow-up.