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- *Colossians 1:15-23*

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Dress reversal

Jerry Falwell (left) stuns Rick Warren by donning a Hawaiian shirt–the attire Warren typically wears when he preaches–as both took the platform for a four-day conference at Liberty University. Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church in suburban Los Angeles, showed up in a suit. Falwell, pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va., hosted Warren for the conference, which was built around Warren's purpose-driven church concepts. Warren and Falwell emphasized that despite their different approaches to pastoral ministry, they share perspectives on the purpose of the church.

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and around the world.

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The Holy Spirit is the source of true wisdom

- *1 Corinthians 2:1-16*

By David Jenkins

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- *Acts 3:1-26*

By David Jenkins

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WASHINGTON (RNS)–Americans are almost evenly divided on whether they think legal marriage of same-sex partners is acceptable, according to a USA Today/CNN/ Gallup Poll.

Forty-eight percent of respondents said they think permitting gay unions "will change our society for the worse," while 40 percent said gay marriage would have no effect and 10 percent said it would make society better.

The survey also found churchgoers are more often among the percentage of Americans who think society would be worsened by legal marriage of same-sex couples, USA Today reported.

North Carolina convention removes church for baptizing homosexuals_102003

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By Steve DeVane

N.C. Biblical Recorder

CONCORD, N.C. (ABP)–A church that was removed from its association in April has been quietly taken off the rolls of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina as well.

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By Mark O'Keefe

Religion News Service

DETROIT (RNS)–Michigan legislator Triette Reeves has few evangelical Christians living in her Detroit district. As a black Democrat, she has never associated with religious conservatives.

Jews for Allah takes a page from Christian mission efforts_102003

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Jews for Allah takes a page from Christian mission efforts

By Alexandra Alter

Religion News Service

DANBURY, Conn. (RNS)–It began as sort of a joke.

Texas Baptist Forum_102003

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM:
Highest ambition

The church should offer the greatest example of forgiveness, patience, mercy, love and “watching what you say.” Unfortunately, conflict often occurs between pastor and congregation.

The church, where we preach that no one is perfect, should be a place where we do not expect perfection. But it seems rare that we hear about a loving congregation, whose members and pastor actually get along.

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However, this is not necessarily the case.

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PINEVILLE, La. (ABP)–Louisiana College trustees have adopted new policies that give trustees more direct involvement in faculty hiring and make affirmation of Southern Baptists' controversial doctrinal statement an official requirement.

Since 1997, prospective faculty members have been asked informally if they would teach “in harmony” with the Baptist Faith & Message statement, school officials said. The new policy makes affirmation of the more conservative 2000 version of the statement an official policy.

“This simply represents an enhancement of the process we already have,” said trustee Ed Tarpley, pastor of Alpine First Baptist Church in Pineville, La.

Bush proclaims Marriage

Protection Week_102003

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Bush proclaims Marriage Protection Week

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)–In a sign that he might support an effort to amend the Constitution to ban gay marriages, President Bush heeded the call of a coalition of Religious Right groups and proclaimed Oct. 12-18 Marriage Protection Week.

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DALLAS–Texas Baptists are helping support two missionary families through a newly established conduit that funnels money from churches and individuals to former Southern Baptist Convention missionaries.

Four other missionary families are in the process of applying for funding.

Through the funding channel, any church or individual can send money to missionaries who resigned, retired or were terminated due to the International Mission Board's requirement that missionaries affirm the Southern Baptist Convention's 2000 Baptist Faith & Message.