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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)-The U.S. Supreme Court's June 26 decision to overturn state bans on sodomy has drawn sharp rebuke from cultural and religious conservatives.

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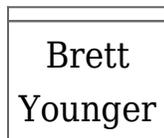
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CYBERCOLUMN: Walking the aisle

By Brett Younger

For years, some people have assumed that a real worship service hasn't taken place unless it ends with a constantly interrupted invitation hymn. After a long sermon, a preacher with a booming voice says something along the lines of: "This is the time of commitment. If you feel God pulling at your heart, then you need to come forward. If you feel something in your heart and you're not sure what it is, you need to come. No matter what you're feeling, you need to come, as we stand and sing."



Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me.

More than 400 youth evacuate camp due to Hurricane Claudette_72803

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

More than 400 youth evacuated the Texas Baptist Encampment Palacios By the Sea July 14 due to the threat of high winds and flooding as the eye of Hurricane Claudette neared the site.

TBM mobilizes in aftermath of Claudette_72803

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Several feeding, victim relief, clean-up, retiree builder and chainsaw Texas Baptist Men units are en route to Southeast Texas July 16 to serve victims of Hurricane Claudette.

COMMENTARY: A Plea for Texas Baptist leaders: No more fighting!_miley_72803

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COMMENTARY: A Plea for Texas Baptist leaders: No more fighting!

By Jeanie Miley

Gathered around a conference table at a large church in Seoul, Korea, this spring, I was prepared to respond to questions about contemplative prayer, the topic on which I had been invited to lecture for two days.

Quickly, however, one of the pastors asked me to explain the "war" among Baptists, a war I don't want to think about any longer. It's a war that brings up, still, huge pain for me, and I was embarrassed, half a world away, that the war was a subject of interest to them. Is our war, I wondered to myself, what defines us?

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CYBERCOLUMN: Lead the Way...

By Donna Van Cleve

Some years ago, a friend approached me about working at the bank here in town when a position became available. It seemed to be a family tradition: My mother, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, and eventually my sister all worked there at one time or another. My children were in school, and I thought long and hard about committing myself to a long-term job. I decided that yes, I was ready.

I called the bank, and an interview was set up for me. This must be some formality they have to go through before I start to work, I thought.

Donna Van Cleve

Solving the Great Kingdom Caper_72803

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Solving the Great Kingdom Caper

At First Baptist

Church of

Athens, Mikyla

Walker carefully

stirs paint for a

Vacation Bible

School project as

she and her

classmates seek

to solve "The

Great Kingdom

Caper," the

theme for this

year's VBS at

First Baptist and

many other

Texas Baptist

churches.

(Ferrell

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Photo)

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.

CBF: Understanding urged in facing fundamentalism_72803

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CBF: Understanding urged in facing fundamentalism

By John Pierce

Baptists Today

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The rift between fundamentalist and moderate Baptists has been so painful that another generation likely will have to do most of the fence mending, predicted Philip Wise, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Lubbock.

CBF: Leonard discusses ways to converse in pluralistic society

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CBF: Leonard discusses ways to converse in pluralistic society

By Marv Knox

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CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Many Baptists bog down in theological “quicksand” as they try to relate to people of other religions, church historian Bill Leonard reported.

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Gov. Rick Perry
speaks with
Texas Baptist
Men volunteers
Ben Freeman and
Jim Southerland
after a news
conference in
Port Lavaca, in
which the
governor praised
the Baptist men's
group for its
ability. (Jenny
Hartgraves/BGCT
Photo)

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By Jenny Hartgraves

Texas Baptist Communications

The papers reported Claudette wasn't that bad of a hurricane, but thousands of people fed by Texas Baptist Men might tell a different story.

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The duplex where Texas Baptist Encampment interim director Rob Kessler lives with his family and staff member Jeannie Stahlecker and her 10-year-old son was destroyed.

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PALACIOS-Rob Kessler's first days as interim director of the Texas Baptist Encampment Palacios by the Sea came with a whirlwind of responsibility and weather.

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VICTORIA-An intern at Templo Jerusalem Baptist Church learned to "always be ready for anything" this summer.