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Church provides oasis in the desert

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

SPUR-Like an oasis in the desert, Primera Iglesia Bautista Elim provides a resting place for the down and out on the South Plains of Texas.

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51 elected to service on BGCT Executive Board committees

DALLAS-Fifty-one people were elected to new or renewed terms on committees and commissions of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Sept. 30.

The BGCT Executive Board approved the recommendations of its

nominating committee, which was chaired this year by Phil Christopher, pastor of First Baptist Church of Abilene.

The committees, the nominees and their churches are:

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LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Oct. 12

Praying and caring lead to rich relationships

 *Philippians 4*

By John Duncan

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LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Oct. 19

Christ is the great equalizer among individuals

 *Philemon*

By John Duncan

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LifeWay Family Bible Series for Oct. 12

The Holy Spirit: Invisible source of eternal life

John 3:1-8; Romans 8:1-11

By David Jenkins

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LifeWay Family Bible Series for Oct. 19

Strength to fend off temptation is available

☒ *Romans 8:12-16, 26-30, 35-39*

By David Jenkins

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SBC warns of funding crisis coming

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) -The Southern Baptist Convention and its entities will face a financial crisis in the near future unless giving to the denomination increases, according to a report adopted unanimously by the SBC Executive Committee Sept. 23.

Echoing a recent report in the Baptist Standard, the SBC Funding Study

Committee noted that percentage giving by church members has decreased gradually over the past 30 years. Additionally, churches are forwarding a smaller percentage of their offerings to the Cooperative Program than they did two decades ago.

Those two factors, combined with a sluggish economy, already have impacted the number of missionaries on the field and the tuition rates at SBC-funded seminaries. But the report says that, barring an increase in giving, the situation will continue deteriorating.

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VISUAL BIBLE: The Gospel of John movie

By Ted Parks

Associated Baptist Press

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (ABP) -Jesus in the movies is nothing new. But allowing an entire New Testament Gospel to speak word-for-word in the glossy idiom of the big-screen is unique, say the producers of "The Gospel of John."

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When families close the lid on faith at funerals, what's a preacher to do?

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS—In a society where half the people claim no religious affiliation, a growing number don't want a minister conducting their funeral. In fact, many are forgoing any memorial service.

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Grief: 'Like peeling onion'

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS-Grief is like peeling an onion, according to author Doug Manning: "It comes off one layer at a time, and you cry a lot."

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What makes a funeral meaningful?

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

DALLAS-A meaningful funeral helps bereaved family and friends begin healing, according to Doug Manning, former Baptist pastor and author of several widely distributed books about grief.

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High school student puts on shield of faith

By George Henson

Staff Writer

PORT NECHES—Aron Arceneaux is giving a whole new meaning to the phrase “shield of faith.”