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Jakes' novel targets spiritual secrets

By Greg Garrison

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (RNS) -Although he's an old-fashioned, pulpit-pounding preacher who frequently has to wipe the sweat from his brow, evangelist T.D. Jakes brings the biblical message into a modern context.

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KEY CHURCHES: Missions growth unlocked

By Toby Druin

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Since 1980, churches affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of

Texas have averaged more than 200 church starts a year-a total of 4,624 congregations in a convention that today has only slightly more than 4,300 churches (not counting the 1,400 missions).

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