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Glowing Hearts in Canada.

Members of Dallas Baptist University's Glowing Heart ministry team perform outside a coffee shop in Canada. The students spent seven days working in Canada in conjunction with the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary. They led worship and worked with the youth group at Bow Valley Baptist Church in Cochrane. They helped with an outreach effort in Airdrie, Alberta, a town of about 15,000 people outside Calgary. Working with church starter Dwight Huffman, they sought people interested in beginning a Bible study. Teams of five dispersed throughout the town, playing small music venues at coffee shops, talking to people at malls and hosting a free car wash.

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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Texas Heritage Awards honor Bishop, Colton, Craft and Leavell

By Ken Camp

Texas Baptist Communications

Four longtime denominational leaders were honored at the third annual Texas Baptist Heritage Awards banquet, held Aug. 21 at Union Station in Dallas.

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Poll: Americans more concerned about Islam today

WASHINGTON (ABP)-A new poll shows Americans are increasingly worried about Islam.

The poll by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life and the Pew Research Center shows Americans generally are comfortable with religion playing a role in civic life.

But white evangelical Christians differ sharply from African-Americans on religious views and political commitment, the poll also revealed.

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Conference advances Jewish evangelism

HELSINKI, Finland (BP)-Participants in an international conference on Jewish evangelism adopted a statement underscoring Jesus' divinity and, among other items, applauding improved relations between Arab and Jewish believers.

The seventh Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism international

conference, held Aug. 7-12 in Helsinki, Finland, drew a record 200 participants from 18 countries. Participants presented reports and heard updates on Jewish evangelism from around the world.

The Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism was born in 1980 at a meeting in Thailand sponsored by the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelism. Participants with an interest in Jewish evangelism began meeting every three or four years. The committee also has local chapters, including one in North America.

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Bible-based discipleship fuels Lake Pointe growth

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

ROCKWALL-Adult Bible Fellowship members at Lake Pointe Church are expected to reach three people for Christ a year and participate in ministry locally, nationally and internationally. With almost 3,500 participants, that's a lot of outreach.

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Houston girl's donation helps other by a hair

By Reagan O'Hare

Union Baptist Association

HOUSTON-Eleven-year-old Kristen Johnson did not think twice when it came to a chance to serve another child.

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Offering puts agent of blessing in

hospital

By John Hall

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BEAUMONT-A hopeful “agent of blessing” walks in the shadow of death, and he comes back for more each day.

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Mississippi court rules fetus is a person to be protected

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

JACKSON, Miss. (ABP)—Mississippi's highest court has ruled that a fetus is a “person” worthy of some legal protections under state law.

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Christian contemporary music: business or ministry?

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Christian music is big business. The sales numbers show that. But Christian music insiders argue it's a ministry as well.

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Ministers suspected among best-known music pirates

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Freely downloading songs or copying albums without artists' permission is like stealing a Bible, according to Christian music insiders: Good motives don't excuse illegal acts.