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CHURCH TACKLES FRAUD: The believer's other security

By Bob Smietna

Religion News Service

DENVER (RNS)-When people walk in the doors at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Denver, they might be coming to volunteer at one of the church's outreach ministries, attend the Wednesday night service or take part in the Thursday night dessert-and-theology book club.

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Garland finds strength in telling families' stories

Barbara Massey

WACO-In today's world, where families face many uncertainties, what resource is better for understanding and dealing with challenges than the stories of other families who have had similar experiences?

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19 Texas churches honored as top Lottie givers

RICHMOND, Va.-Nineteen Texas Baptist churches were among the top 100 congregations nationwide in giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions last year.

Together, Texas Baptists also outpaced all other states in gifts to the offering.

IMB officials recognized the top-giving churches in a news release Aug. 18.

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New tithers report freedom from past financial failures

By Ken Walker

Baptist Press

WOODSTOCK, Ga. (BP)-They have suffered such financial setbacks as bankruptcy, car repossession, staggering credit card bills and scratching for cash to buy their next meal.

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