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**By Jessica Dooley**

*Communications Intern*

HARLINGEN—The workplace can be tough for someone going through a crisis. To help employees cope with difficulties at work and at home, some South Texas employers have opened their doors to spirituality in the workplace, and hospital chaplains have new avenues of service.

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Chaplains from [Valley Baptist Health Systems](#) in Harlingen minister to several businesses in the area. They make rounds twice a month to banks, insurance companies, auto dealers and medical-related businesses.

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# Consensus lacking on end-of-life issues

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**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

BROWNWOOD—When it comes to some of life's hard questions, answers aren't any easier for Christians than they are for other people—including questions concerning end-of-life issues.

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A universal consensus on topics such as euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide does not exist, said John Ferguson Jr., assistant professor of political science at Howard Payne University's Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom and author of [Point/Counterpoint: The Right to Die](#).



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# Have we gone too far in the race for parenthood?

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**By Hannah Elliott**

*Associated Baptist Press*

NEW YORK (ABP)—In Brazil, a 51-year-old woman gave birth to her own twin grandchildren. She used embryos from her 27-year-old daughter, who had tried for four years to conceive.

In January, a Texas-based “human embryo bank” announced prospective parents could choose pre-created embryos based on photos, family histories and medical reports of the people who donated the sperm and eggs.

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Many conservative evangelicals say fertility clinics have crossed the line and started “playing God” in the race for parenthood.

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# Ethicists in quandary over surrogacy

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**By Hannah Elliott**

*Associated Baptist Press*

NEW YORK (ABP)—The Church of England recently issued a statement identifying organ donation—even by living donors—as a Christian duty

motivated by compassion and a mandate to heal. But what about donating a womb for nine months?

[Surrogacy](#)—when a woman agrees to gestate and give birth to a child for others to raise—has ethicists, religious scholars, scientists and even feminists pondering the ramifications of such an arrangement.


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# Senate probes finances of six TV ministries

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**By Adelle M. Banks**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)—A prominent U.S. senator is seeking financial information from some of the biggest names among evangelical TV ministries following complaints from the public and news reports of possible money mismanagement.

[Sen. Chuck Grassley](#), R-Iowa, the top-ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, gave the six ministries until Dec. 6 to turn over the records.

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# Texas Tidbits

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**WMU Foundation names Texans to leadership roles.** Patsy Meier, a former medical missionary to Nigeria and member of First Baptist Church in El Paso, was elected to the Woman's Missionary Union Foundation board of trustees. Trustees elected James Westbrook, a layman from First Baptist Church of Richardson, as vice chairman. Other Texas Baptists on the board are Sylvia DeLoach and Joy Fenner, both from Garland.

**Baylor ER expansion campaign raises \$11 million.** The [Baylor Health Care System Foundation](#) announced it has raised more than \$11 million to help fund the expansion of the Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas emergency department. The building project will expand the emergency department to 78,000 square-feet and increase the hospital's capacity to treat patients requiring trauma care.

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# TOGETHER: Reflection rightly leads to thanksgiving

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The celebration of Thanksgiving Day is not, strictly speaking, a religious holiday, such as Christmas and Easter. But this holiday taps into some of the deepest spiritual emotions a human being can feel.

There is no emotion more powerful in convincing the heart and mind of the reality of God than the sense of gratitude that wells up in the heart when we feel warmly blessed and embraced by goodness.



More than one father has stood in speechless wonder as his new baby has been placed in his arms and suddenly been overwhelmed by a sense of gratitude. And after you express joyful thanks to your dear wife and appreciation to others, there are still emotions of amazement and gratitude

that can only be directed to God.

When one looks into the night sky or marvels at the beauty of a breathtaking view, we are drawn into a contemplation of the mystery of creation, and we breathe a prayer of thanksgiving, almost involuntarily, to the God who brought such beauty into being.

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# **BaptistWay Bible Series for November 25: Welcome Christians with whom you disagree**

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for November 25**

## **Welcome Christians with whom you disagree**

- Romans 14:1-21

[By Andrew Daugherty](#)

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# **Bible Studies for Life Series for November 18: Make up your minds**

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## **Make up your minds**

- Matthew 7:13-29

**[By Steve Dominy](#)**

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- Matthew 27:35-37, 45-50; 28:5-10, 18-20

[By Travis Frampton](#)

*Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene*

Do you have a favorite movie? If you're like me, it's hard to come up with just one. But if pressed on the matter, I would have to say that one of my all-time favorites is *Citizen Kane*.

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## Christian human rights lawyer reports persecution in China

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HONG KONG—As the 2008 Beijing Olympics approaches, Chinese Christians are facing heightened levels of persecution as authorities seek to keep dissidents away from international media, according to a Christian attorney in Beijing.

Christian human rights lawyer Li Heping reports he was kidnapped and

tortured nearly six hours Sept. 29, and two other Beijing Christian activists have been held under house arrest since Oct. 1.

Li, who has a reputation for defending cases involving Christians arrested for underground house-church activities, is a partner of Beijing Global Law Firm and also serves as an editorial board member of the journal *Chinese Law & Religion Monitor*.