

# **Updated: Scout rep says SBC wrong about policy**

June 11, 2013

A former denominational worker who now represents the Boy Scouts of America said a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention is mistaken about the BSA's new policy ending a membership ban on Scouts who are openly gay.

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# **Advisory team seeks to avert SBC split on Calvinism**

June 11, 2013

Growing disagreements over the role of Calvinism will make the Southern Baptist Convention stronger, not weaker, as long as its focus remains on evangelism, members of an advisory team commissioned to study the topic told hundreds in Houston June 10.

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# **Abuse activist says Houston**

# **minister chastised her**

June 11, 2013

A woman who advocates on behalf victims of clergy sex abuse says she was sidelined by her Houston megachurch for planning an awareness event at this week's Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

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# **Are Southern Baptists predestined to fuss over Calvinism?**

June 11, 2013

Nearly 35 years after a schism began in the Southern Baptist Convention, a new divide is emerging—this time over the teachings of 16th-century Reformer John Calvin—that threatens to upend the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

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# **Baptisms in SBC down to lowest number in 64 years**

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Southern Baptist churches reported declines in baptisms, membership, average attendance

and total giving in 2012.

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## **‘Bootleg preacher’ Will Campbell dies**

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Will Campbell, an author, activist and iconoclastic Baptist minister who described himself as a “bootleg preacher,” died June 3 from complications following a stroke suffered in 2011. He was 88.

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## **SBC Calvinism study calls for trust, dialogue**

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An ad-hoc task force appointed to study Calvinism’s impact on the Southern Baptist Convention says the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message is a sufficient guide for orthodoxy.

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# **Joplin tornado survivor ministers in Moore**

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Gary Hunley had seen it all before. As he surveyed the damage left behind from a tornado in Moore, Okla., he saw an all-too-familiar scene of overturned cars, metal signposts bent to the ground and houses reduced to rubble.

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# **Oklahoma disaster response breaks down denominational barriers**

June 11, 2013

If the deadly Oklahoma tornado had a silver lining, it may be the ecumenical spirit that blew in with the response and recovery efforts of local churches, ministers say.

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# **Spiritual formation growing**

# online

June 11, 2013

Ministers of spiritual formation are turning to the Internet to counter the interference hectic schedules, frequent traveling, social media and other demands of modern life can have on healthy discipleship.

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## **Baptist Briefs: R. G. Puckett dies**

June 11, 2013

R. G. Puckett, editor emeritus of the North Carolina *Biblical Recorder* and a founding director of Associated Baptist Press, died May 12, months after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

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## **Baptist Briefs: Judge green-lights settlement**

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A federal judge ruled a Baptist child-care agency at the center of a long-running legal dispute between Kentucky lawmakers and citizens represented by the ACLU and Americans United for Separation of Church and State cannot block a settlement of the lawsuit agreed upon by the involved parties.