

Baptist Briefs: British Baptists downsize national staff

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BAPTIST BRIEFS: The Baptist Union of Great Britain will downsize its national staff from 46 to 32 employees and change the way it works with associations and Baptist colleges to improve how it serves local churches in the 21st century.

Fort Worth professor elected Richmond seminary dean

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Timothy D. Gilbert, longtime professor at Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, has been elected dean at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, a post he will assume July 1.

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Baptists respond to floods

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The Baptist World Alliance dispatched \$10,000 for flood relief in Nigeria, where heavy rains have killed 363 people since July. More than 2 million Nigerians have been forced from their homes by this year's floods.

Students share their faith during Engage24

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Leaders with the Baptist Collegiate Network, an organization of Southern Baptist collegiate ministries in the United States and Canada, began one year ago to pray about ways to involve more college students in evangelism efforts. They felt led by God to promote a one-day effort for sharing their faith.

Children's sermons here to

stay-but not without critics

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The children's sermon has its share of critics, with some calling for an end to a tradition they consider to be ineffective and inappropriate. Others say the sermons can be effective, but it would be better if churches addressed children's spiritual growth in the context of regular worship.

Survey: Obedience and self-denial mark discipleship, but they don't happen easily

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Personal, sacrificial decisions made in obedience to Christ demonstrate spiritual growth, according to a survey of American churchgoers by LifeWay Research. But less than one-third of churchgoers strongly agree they follow through in specific aspects of obedience.

Bucket project relaunched to provide help for the dying

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Baptist Global Response has re-launched "The Bucket Project: Hospice Kits," formerly called "In-Home Care Kits," with a focus on Texas. The organization's goal is to collect 10,000 hospice kits for distribution by the end of 2013.

Disaster relief workers respond to Hurricane Sandy

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Baptist disaster relief workers throughout the United States mobilized in response to Hurricane Sandy, the killer superstorm that flooded much of the nation's most populous area.

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The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Coordinating Council will vote in

February on a successor to Executive Coordinator Daniel Vestal, who retired in June, according to an announcement at the council's October meeting in Decatur, Ga.

Theology study derails Glorieta sale

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LifeWay Christian Resources decided not to sell its cash-strapped Glorieta Conference Center in New Mexico to a Christian college in California following an independent review of the potential buyer's doctrinal views.

Coalition faces 'post-Christian' challenges

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A diverse coalition of pastors and theological educators has launched an initiative offering a platform for evangelicals to develop theology and practice for mission and ministry in "post-Christian" North America."

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Leaders of the European Baptist Federation voted overwhelmingly to move the International Baptist Theological Seminary from Prague to Amsterdam as an international Baptist studies and research center with close ties to the Union of Baptist Churches in the Netherlands.