

# **GuideStone offers one-time option to change health coverage**

April 3, 2020

With many churches reporting strained budgets due to the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, GuideStone is offering a one-time opportunity for both group plans and personal plans to step down to a lower-cost health care plan for the remainder of 2020.

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# **CBF transitions 2020 general assembly to virtual event**

April 3, 2020

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and public health concerns, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's annual general assembly will be a virtual event rather than in-person gathering this summer, CBF Executive Coordinator Paul Baxley announced.

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# **Central Baptist Seminary president resigns due to ‘ethical lapse’**

April 3, 2020

Molly T. Marshall has stepped down as president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary due to an unspecified “ethical lapse,” according to a statement from the seminary.

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# **IMB postpones volunteer trips, missionaries shelter in place**

April 3, 2020

International Mission Board senior leaders have directed missionary personnel around the world to postpone hosting any ministry volunteer groups through June 30. The IMB also urged all long-term and mid-term personnel to follow U.S. Department of State advice to shelter in place.

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# **NAMB freezes spending in effort to keep missionaries on field**

April 3, 2020

The North American Mission Board is implementing a series of budgetary freezes and cutbacks designed to keep missionaries on the field during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

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# **Tools and strategies for online worship vary**

April 3, 2020

Transitioning to an online format for church services has brought challenges for many congregations, as they grapple with technology limits and handling a new era of needs in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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# **SBC annual meeting canceled;**

# **first time since WWII**

April 3, 2020

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting has been canceled for the first time in 75 years.

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# **CBF launches COVID-19 work group**

April 3, 2020

In response to the spread of the novel coronavirus, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has formed a COVID-19 work group.

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# **Churches respond to community needs in COVID-19 crisis**

April 3, 2020

With many families unable to maintain proper childcare in light of schools shutting down, college students without a place to live and insecure communities without essential household items, churches are stepping in to

bring practical aid.

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## **GuideStone waives cost of COVID-19 tests**

April 3, 2020

For participants in GuideStone's health plans, including both HSA-qualified High Deductible Health Plans and Secure Health, GuideStone will waive costs for physician-ordered diagnostic testing for the novel coronavirus.

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## **LifeWay offers free at-home supplement**

April 3, 2020

To help families during the COVID-19 crisis, LifeWay is offering "LifeWay Kids at Home," a free temporary digital resource to supplement Sunday school from home.

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# **Southern Baptist seminaries move to online-only classes**

April 3, 2020

Like other schools that have cancelled in-person courses to deter the spread of COVID-19, all six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries have taken action to move classes online.