

# **Dove Award-winners emphasize desire to make a difference**

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Singer/songwriter Brandon Heath and the groups Jars of Clay and Casting Crowns took top honors at the Dove Awards, sponsored by the Gospel Music Association.

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# **Bhutanese refugees enjoy a day in the country**

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About 40 Bhutanese traveled from Dallas to Sabine Creek Ranch, south of Royse City, as a part of a fun day for the refugee families.

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# **Baptist scholars view Noah's Ark discovery claims with**

# **skepticism**

April 30, 2010

As the newest reported discovery of Noah's Ark raised doubts even among fellow Ark-hunters, two Baptist seminary professors said Christians should not rest their faith on whether remains of an ancient vessel are ever found high in the mountains of Turkey.

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## **Muslims see double standard in “terrorist” label**

April 30, 2010

When 19 Muslim men crashed two planes into the World Trade Center, it was widely labeled “Islamic terrorism.” So, when nine members of a Michigan-based Christian militia laid plans to gun down police officers, is it “Christian terrorism?” Many Muslims, and others, think it should be.

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## **As controversy lingers, Shroud of Turin still draws a crowd**

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The Shroud of Turin, long venerated as the actual burial cloth of Jesus, is

being exhibited in the Duomo Di San Giovanni Battista in Turin, Italy, for six weeks ending May 23.

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## **What if Jesus walked on the waters of Lake Wobegon?**

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For the past two years, Lipscomb religion professor Lee Camp has been hosting *Tokens*, Nashville's "new, old-time radio show," which offers a mix of theology, A-list local musicians, and a hearty helping of Southern-flavored satire.

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## **What happens when Baptists cannot agree about baptism?**

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If Baptists—in all their diversity—cannot agree on baptism, some theologians wonder what is left to unite them.

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# **Believer's baptism sacrament or symbolic ordinance?**

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When Jesus commanded his followers to go and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19), the earliest believers clearly understood baptism to be an important expression of faithfulness to him. Baptists stand in this heritage.

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# **Analysis: Should Baptist churches adopt open membership? Yes.**

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Perhaps the time has come for Baptists today to ask in the same spirit whether or not Methodists, Catholics, Presbyterians and others who are genuinely committed disciples of Jesus Christ are true Christians and have been accepted by the grace of the Triune God into the one universal church.

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# **Analysis: Should Baptist churches adopt open membership? No.**

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Should Baptist churches be encouraged to adopt open membership, or are there good reasons for not doing so? I would like to offer five of the latter.

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# **Churches try varied ways to approach question of membership and baptism**

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Baptism and local church membership have been inextricably linked historically in the minds of many Baptists. But that view is shifting as a decline in denominational loyalty and the easy movement of American Christians among churches of all stripes have created what writer Phyllis Tickle is calling the “great emergence”—a swirling convergence of denominational traditions toward a spiritual Christian core.

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# **First-person reflection: Visiting an old Landmark**

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Most of the baptisms I had seen over the years were not adults but children, some at a very young age. I am sure a preschooler can believe that Jesus is his Savior, but I wonder how much it really means when she also believes in Santa Claus or that storks deliver babies.