

Around the State

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The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will begin its Manning Chapel lecture series Feb. 21 at 12:15 p.m. Rosalie Beck, associate professor of church history at Baylor University, will speak on the topic "Never Enough Time: The Anne Luther Bagby Story."

Deal seriously with violent biblical texts, historian says

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Christians who characterize Islam as inherently violent on the basis of bloody passages in the Quran suffer from "holy amnesia" regarding their own Scripture, historian Philip Jenkins told a gathering at Baylor University.

NC Baptists square off over gay

marriage

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Baptists are lining up on opposing sides of an upcoming ballot referendum to amend North Carolina's constitution to define marriage as between a man and a woman.

British Christians say no to nukes

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Baptists and other Christian leaders in the United Kingdom are urging the government to scrap plans to replace its fleet of nuclear-armed submarines.

Mission Waco demonstrates transformational ministry

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Jimmy and Janet Dorrell started an experiment in "incarnational living" in Waco's poorest area in the late 1970s that gave birth to Mission Waco/Mission World, a ministry that has transformed the neighborhood and now reaches out to the poor in Haiti, Mexico and India.

Seminary president resigns ahead of confrontation with trustees

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Phil Roberts, the embattled president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, resigned Feb. 10. No reason was stated, and trustees gave no details about their called five-and-a-half hour meeting at a Kansas City hotel that prompted the 61-year-old to step down.

Can evolution and Christian faith co-exist?

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A recent LifeWay Research poll showed three-fourths of Protestant pastors reject evolution, and nearly half believe the earth is about 6,000 years old. A biologist with a scientific interest in the evolution-creation debate attributed the results to a commonly held—but false—idea that science and faith cannot be reconciled.

Obama announces change in birth control coverage rule

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President Obama said Feb. 10 insurance companies must pay for birth control services for women who work for religious institutions that object to paying for them on moral grounds.

Retiring CBF head to lead new center for Baptist leadership

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Retiring Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Executive Coordinator Daniel Vestal has been tapped to lead Mercer University's new Eula Mae and John Baugh Center for Baptist Leadership. Vestal will assume his new role July 1, the day after he retires as head of the Atlanta-based CBF, where he has served since 1996.

Ethiopian missions experience 'eye-opening,' ETBU students say

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A dozen East Texas Baptist University students led Vacation Bible School-style activities for students at a school in a small village in Ethiopia.

New Orleans pastor may become first African-American SBC president

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After months of urging from other Baptists around the country, Fred Luter told his African-American congregation he will seek to become the first black man to lead the predominantly white Southern Baptist Convention.

Fulfilling the Great Commission

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Churches composed primarily of first-generation immigrants to the United States may possess a strategic advantage in fulfilling Christ's Great Commission.