

Congregations reach out to vets with PTSD, traumatic brain injury

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Some wounds of war are all too visible—a missing leg, a shattered arm. The invisible wounds of mind and soul often are more difficult to spot and equally hard to treat.

Black seminaries embrace hip-hop to reach out to young people

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It's hard enough to get young people out of bed and into the pews on a Sunday morning, but two leading black seminaries think they have found a way to grab the next generation—hip-hop.

Merged congregations in Carrollton see opportunity for kingdom growth

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A merger between Trinity Valley Baptist Church and The Ridge Church in Carrollton led to a smooth transition and an increased openness to ministry opportunities in the community.

Some abusive predators hide in plain sight in trusted institutions

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The abuse allegations at Penn State seem unthinkable—revered assistant coach and prominent community activist Jerry Sandusky preying on eight children. But such abuses of trust play out across the country over and over again.

Baptist pastor writes Bible study for Harry Potter movies

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With the recent DVD and Blu-ray release of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2*, the eighth and final film in the long-running series based on books by J.K. Rowling, a Southern Baptist pastor has written a Bible study to help young people discern between the series' mixed messages about good and evil.

Christians challenged to find meaning in popular culture

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Christians should engage popular culture rather than fear it, participants at a conference on "The Gospel According to Pixar" learned at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler.

Chaplain in Afghanistan reflects Christ's peace

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Air Force chaplain Kevin Humphrey's last quarterly report to the North American Mission Board's chaplaincy group reads like the script of a Hollywood blockbuster.

Around the State

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East Texas Baptist University will hold Shadow Days Dec. 1-2 for prospective students. The event offers visiting students an opportunity to experience campus life.

Anthem Lights urges Christians to shine for Christ

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Wherever Anthem Lights performs, the musicians remind students and young adults to reflect the light and love of Christ into their schools and communities.

Texas Tidbits

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Baptist Health Foundation awarded 80 grants this year that totaled \$5,722,298 to San Antonio-area organizations—an 18 percent increase over the amount distributed in 2010.

On the Move

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Joshua Barrett to Purmela Church in Purmela as pastor.

Faith Digest

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The National Council of Churches announced General Secretary Michael Kinnamon is resigning due to health reasons.