

# **Music and missions go hand in hand for Tyler native**

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Singer/songwriter Shaun Groves, who grew up attending First Baptist Church in Tyler and studied music at Baylor University in Waco, discovered what he was "saved for" after a mission trip to El Salvador.

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# **New network wants to provide 'missions home' for churches**

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Missions networks representing about 90 Texas Baptist churches have joined together to form Kinexxus—a collaborative effort designed to help churches connect with each other to share resources and missions expertise.

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# **Howard Payne student shares**

# **God's love in Haiti**

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Clay Tyne, a theology and music student at Howard Payne University, has traveled to Haiti three times in the last 10 months, and plans to return in December. He and his band, One Less Stone Ministries, are helping raise funds to aid Hatians devastated by a major earthquake and embedded poverty.

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# **Faith Digest: Dead Sea Scrolls available online**

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Five of the Dead Sea Scrolls—stored for decades in a climate-controlled exhibit at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem—now are available online.

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# **Poll finds evangelicals stand apart on evolution, climate**

# change

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White evangelicals and Tea Party members are less likely to believe in evolution and climate change than most Americans, a finding that could pose a particular problem for Republican presidential hopefuls.

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## Facts about Dominionism examined

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In recent weeks, an arcane and scary-sounding religious term-Dominionism- has crept into the lexicon of the 2012 campaign, tripping from the tongue of everyone from MSNBC broadcaster Rachel Maddow to conservative Christian leader Ralph Reed.

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## Todd Mitchell tapped to lead cowboy churches' fellowship

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Todd Mitchell, a 41-year-old Alabama pastor and regional strategist for the American Fellowship of Cowboy Churches, is the organization's new

executive director.

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## **TBC accepting breakfast reservations**

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Texas Baptists Committed is accepting online reservations for its breakfast at the Baptist General Convention in Amarillo.

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## **How to conduct a basic church security survey**

October 6, 2011

Walk around your church. Stand at each entryway and look closely in every direction. Then think like a thief or a criminal.

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# **Churches advised to begin by assessing risks**

October 6, 2011

Concerned about developing a church security plan? Security expert Chester Quarles suggests starting with a risk assessment.

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# **Trustees & directors nominated for BGCT consideration**

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The following information is provided in compliance with the bylaws of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Nominations to be considered by messengers to the BGCT annual meeting, Oct. 24-26 in Amarillo, are presented by the Committee on Committees, Committee to Nominate Executive Board Directors and the Committee on Nominations for Boards of Affiliated Ministries.

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# **Texas Baptist annual meeting**

# **features new format**

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The Baptist General Convention of Texas will unveil a new fast-paced format at its annual meeting, Oct. 24-26, designed to present cutting-edge ministry ideas to help Texas Baptists expand and improve their efforts to share the hope of Christ.