

Volunteers seek to ‘Ignite Hope’ in Amarillo during morning of missions

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Sparks of hope spread throughout Amarillo as Texas Baptists participated in 12 mission endeavors across the city, taking the message of Christ to places like a community center, children's field day, high school lunch and college campus during the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting.

Learning fair provides resources for Spanish-speaking parents

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More than 15,000 Hispanic parents gathered at Feria Para Aprender in Dallas to learn how to improve their children's educational opportunities.

Holy Smoke: Disrespect for the dead or a last blast for shooters?

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When he dies, Clem Parnell expects his soul to ascend heavenward. But he wants his ashes loaded into a shotgun shell and blasted at a turkey.

Face of poverty is often a child's, charities report

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Across the United States, rising numbers of children are coping with the stressors of economic hardship. Religious groups that help them are trying to be resourceful despite slumping donations in uncertain economic times.

Missions education expands in

West Africa; WMU leads the way

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Missions education in West Africa received a boost recently when Woman's Missionary Union leaders from six countries met for training in Burkino Faso, where the region's WMU began.

CBF task force suggests organizational change

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A blue-ribbon task force studying the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's organizational structure suggests a smaller governing board than the current 63-member Coordinating Council, along with creation of two new councils to focus on cooperation and global missions.

Mississippi Baptists back 'Personhood Amendment'

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The Mississippi Baptist Convention is backing a constitutional amendment facing voters Nov. 8 that would declare a fertilized human egg to be a

person, effectively branding abortion as murder.

CBF finishes fiscal year 15 percent behind budget

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The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship ended its fiscal year \$2.1 million short of its 2010-2011 budget goal of \$14.5 million in total revenues, controller Larry Hurst reported to the CBF Coordinating Council Oct. 21.

God continues working in his mission, researcher says

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God's mission in the world is "to be glorified by making himself known" and is source for mission work, said Ed Stetzer, vice president of research and ministry development at Lifeway Christian Resources.

Author rediscovered vision of the parable of the Good Samaritan

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When Ron Hall read Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10, he used to wonder how the Levite and the priest could ignore the need before them.

Christian teachers must not water down hell, G5 speakers insist

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Images of darkness, eternal torment and fiery flames usually don't rank high on the "greatest hits list" for sermons or conversations. But when it comes to evangelism—and the responsibility to stay true to the gospel—the reality of hell is one that fifth-generation Texas Baptists must not neglect, conference leaders said.

Texas Baptists urged to 'be heroes for Texans'

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God's Acts 1:8 mandate calls Christians to minister in expanding circles locally, regionally and to the ends of the world, Steve Vernon, BGCT associate executive director, told messengers to the convention's annual meeting.