

Texas Baptist leader Dewey Presley dies

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William Dewey Presley, one of the most influential leaders of his generation in Baptist life, died Nov. 10 at the age of 93.

Baptist Briefs

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George Mason, pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, has been named chair of a nine-member search committee to find a new Cooperative Baptist Fellowship executive coordinator.

Foundation honors Ware, remembers legacy of Maston

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More than 300 friends honored the contributions of longtime anti-gambling activist and Texas Baptist lobbyist Weston Ware and paid tribute to the legacy of Christian ethicist T.B. Maston during a Nov. 4 banquet at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas.

Hope breaks through in Ukraine, Texas Baptist musicians note

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A music and missions effort between Texas Baptists and Ukrainian Christians recently took a different tone. The Breakthrough Band—a group of Texas Baptist music ministers and Singing Men of Texas members—brought its brand of contemporary worship music to the Ukraine during eight October concerts across the country.

Independent, nondenominational churches on the rise, book asserts

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About one in five American Protestant churches is independent of any denomination, and about one in five Protestants attends those independent churches, Duke sociologist Mark Chaves reports in his new book, *American Religion: Contemporary Trends*.

DBU names Miller as Perry Award recipient

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Dallas Baptist University honored Norm Miller, Interstate Batteries chairman, with the 2011 Russell H. Perry Free Enterprise Award during the annual award dinner, Nov. 7 at the Anatole Hotel in Dallas.

Baptist cooperation developed slowly but took root deeply

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Baptist cooperation historically grew around accomplishing kingdom work together—primarily missions—when churches realized they could do more working together than they could on their own.

Seeing the Big Picture

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As America's centuries-old denominational patterns unravel, can churches retain theological integrity and still find common ground with people who hold differing beliefs?

Does Calvinism extol God's glory or make him a moral monster?

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Two new books from Zondervan- including one by Roger Olson, professor at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary- debate the pros and cons of the theological basis for Calvinism.

Changes in missions strategy

required, border pastor insists

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Ministry continues along the Texas-Mexico border even as violence increases. Missions specialists advise churches to consider sending individuals or small groups of two or three people for long-term missions rather than large groups who only serve a few days.

Texas Tidbits

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The Baylor University board of regents approved \$120 million in capital improvements, the largest investment in construction on the Baylor campus since the Baylor Sciences Building in 2004.

Salem witch trials get another look in new documentary

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A new documentary film about the infamous Salem witch trials—*Salem Witch Hunt: Examine the Evidence*—stirring fresh debate by heaping blame on the local minister, Samuel Parris.