

Even before classes begin, Texas Baptist students serve

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Incoming freshmen at Texas Baptist universities were active in making a difference in their new found communities, even before they began classes.

One woman's challenge to transition to new life as 'one'

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Anita Snell never dreamed she would be one of nearly 700,000 women who lose their husbands each year. But in October 2007, the unthinkable happened. Snell became part of that statistic when her pastor husband, Jack, died from pancreatic cancer.

Single adults represent

tremendous mission field

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Single adults make up more than 40 percent of the U.S. population, according to some studies, and Dennis Franck believes church members just need to open their eyes to see them.

Singles ministry tough, but vital

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"Singles" are not monolithic but fall across every age range and life spectrum. They are never married—like Belcher—divorced, separated and widowed. And they come in all ages, from very young adults just out of high school to senior adults who have lost a spouse after 50 years together.

Political rhetoric more religious than voters

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Using data collected between 1972 and 2008, a Duke University professor of sociology and religion says America not only is losing its religion, but also has lost confidence in religious leaders and wants them to be less

involved in politics.

Baylor alumnus leads evangelical up-and-comers

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For the past decade, sociologist Michael Lindsay has been living the very phenomenon he's studied in depth—evangelicals climbing the ranks of secular institutions and becoming American elites. Now the Baptist and Baylor University alumnus is the new president of Gordon College.

Labor Day no holiday for disaster relief volunteers

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Labor Day was no picnic for Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers involved in responses to flooding along the East Coast and in North Dakota.

Grieving parents learn lessons about trust from tragedy

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Kelsey Vines' Christian witness continued after her death in a car wreck in 2008. Now her father and her boyfriend have written a book together: *Tragedy and Trust: Can You Still Trust God After Losing a Child?*

Baptists among religious leaders in event to mourn victims of 9/11, promote religious freedom

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Prominent religious leaders of various faiths joined Sept. 8 in Washington to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Texas ranks second nationally in food insecurity

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Texas has the second-highest rate of hunger in the nation, the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced Sept. 7. And according to a new report sponsored in part by the Texas Hunger Initiative, hunger even exists in some of the state's wealthiest counties.

Texas Tidbits

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The Butterfield Memorial Foundation awarded a \$50,000 grant to East Texas Baptist University to fund scholarships for upper-level nursing students.

On the Move

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Benji Morrison to Mount Carmel Church in Whitehouse as student pastor.