

No black and white answers to lack of diversity among atheists

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Last year, Dallas atheist Alix Jules helped launch a local initiative to address what atheists regard as an international problem for their movement—a lack of racial and gender diversity.

Texas Baptists make views known to lawmakers about payday lending

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Some Texas Baptists continued their legislative fight against what they call the “predatory” lending practices of payday and auto-title lenders, testifying before the state Senate Committee on Business and Commerce.

TV jamming in Middle East affects Christian network

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A satellite television network for and run by Christians in the Middle East said Feb. 24 that programming thought to have been blocked by Libya has been restored.

To help in Middle East: Encourage U.S. to advocate for values

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As the Middle East writhes in birth pains to deliver something yet undefined, a scholar who specializes in faith and global politics says Christians in America should speak boldly on behalf of the values that Arab populations are risking their lives to obtain.

On the Move

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Larry Dodd to First Church in Nash as interim music minister.

Faith Digest

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Houses of worship and other charities often aren't in competition for dollars but instead tend to reap donations from similar donors, a new study shows.

Around the State

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The 90th Annual Panhandle-Plains Pastors' and Laymen's Conference will be held at Wayland Baptist University Feb. 28-March 1. The theme is "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

Institutional relations dominate BGCT Executive Board meeting

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Relationships to Baptist institutions—including one university that opened its governing board to include non-Baptists, another university that is increasing its capital debt by \$40 million and a financially troubled health care system whose hospitals have entered a joint venture with a for-profit hospital—dominated discussion at the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board's Feb. 21-22 meeting.

Piece of Hardin-Simmons history uncovered on eBay

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When an artifact from Hardin-Simmons University's history showed up on the popular Internet selling site eBay, Abilene High School history teacher Jay Moore suspected there would be some keen interest in the rather quirky piece.

Dolls enable Christians inside, outside of prison to join in missions

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Handmade dolls provided a means for Baptist women in South Texas and incarcerated women in Central Texas to share the gospel and bring joy to children in Mexico and a low-income Hispanic neighborhood in West Dallas.

Baptist disaster relief pioneer reflects on lessons learned

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As far back as the late 1980s, friends told John LaNoue he should write a book about his experiences ministering in farflung places from North Korea to Iran. He retired from the Texas Baptist Men staff in 1999, fully intending to write. But he didn't publish *Walking with God in Broken Places* until a few months ago.

National debt a new hot issue for evangelicals

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As Washington debates President Obama's proposed 2012 budget, the immorality of the deficit has become the hot topic on right-leaning Christian blogs, radio programs and political mailings.