

Cultural festival provides churches in Valley occasion to share the gospel

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The main streets of Matamoros, Mexico, and Brownsville filled with more than 20,000 people, flavorful food, festive music and brightly-colored floats during Charro Days, a weeklong festival celebrating the heritage between the sister cities. And a group of 55 church members gathered to share the hope of Christ with those they encountered that day.

Amarillo boy begins relationship with Christ because of CD effort

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When members of Iglesia Bautista Fuente Viva in Amarillo delivered a multimedia compact disc containing Scripture to homes near their church in early May, they wanted to bring encouragement to their neighbors and share the hope of Christ. Little did they know that only a few hours later, 10-year-old Manuel Gonzalez's life would be changed forever from the message he heard on the Texas Hope 2010 CD.

Board distances BGCT from gay-affirming Dallas church

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The BGCT Executive Board voted May 25 to refuse any financial contributions from Royal Lane Baptist Church in Dallas, which has ordained as deacons practicing homosexuals, and the board asked the church to stop identifying itself as affiliated with the convention. 

Book draws on music of U2 to call for Christian unity

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A new book written by a Baptist professor applies theological themes found in the music of the Irish rock band U2 to the quest for Christian unity. 

Texas board approves curriculum standards with nationwide impact

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In spite of protests, the Texas State Board of Education voted May 21 to approve social studies curriculum standards that urge high school students to examine church-state separation critically—a move likely to affect textbooks nationwide.

Church should be place of acceptance for people with special needs

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People with disabilities don't want churches that just "welcome" them, but rather congregations that value them and include them in living a "full life of faith," a long-time advocate for special-needs ministry said.

Former pastor, NAMB member, indicted for fleecing flock

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A former Southern Baptist pastor in Missouri has been indicted on charges of using his position to defraud church members into loaning him money that he did not repay.

Texas Tidbits

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Baylor University's board of regents authorized the relocation of the Baylor School of Social Work to downtown Waco and approved a \$403.3 million operating budget for the university in 2010-2011.

Roving chaplain meets spiritual needs at three Amarillo senior

facilities

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Chaplain Bryan Cooper is the roving chaplain at The Arbors, The Heritage Convalescent Center and Georgia Manor Nursing Homes in Amarillo.

Public baptisms make a statement to community

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As a way to empower individuals to make a faith statement to a community, some congregations are moving their baptisms from inside a church baptistry to outside in public places.

On the Move

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Rudy Hernandez to Community Bible Chapel in Spur as interim pastor.

Christian Men's Job Corps helps ex-offenders start new lives

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Christian Men's Job Corps is a personal, spiritual and job-skills development effort sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union that teaches topics such as money management, resume writing, interview coaching and computer training.