

Church in Alvin restored 18 months after Hurricane Ike

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After a long and trying renovation, South Park Baptist Church in Alvin has emerged from the destruction caused by Hurricane Ike 18 months later to stand restored. And members testify they are more dedicated than ever before to reaching their community for Christ.

Port Neches drama yields 32 professions of faith in Christ

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By the time First Baptist Church in Port Neches completed three days of performances of the evangelistic play *Last Chance*, the church saw 32 people make decisions to follow Christ and 65 renew their commitments to him.

Muslims see double standard in

“terrorist” label

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When 19 Muslim men crashed two planes into the World Trade Center, it was widely labeled “Islamic terrorism.” So, when nine members of a Michigan-based Christian militia laid plans to gun down police officers, is it “Christian terrorism?” Many Muslims, and others, think it should be.

Church-state separationists relieved, displeased by desert- cross decision

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A divided Supreme Court rendered a complex decision April 28 on the fate of a lonely cross in the California desert. The decision — the first major church-state case of Chief Justice John Roberts’ tenure — upset religious-freedom advocates but heartened religious conservatives.

As controversy lingers, Shroud

of Turin still draws a crowd

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The Shroud of Turin, long venerated as the actual burial cloth of Jesus, is being exhibited in the Duomo Di San Giovanni Battista in Turin, Italy, for six weeks ending May 23.

What if Jesus walked on the waters of Lake Wobegon?

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For the past two years, Lipscomb religion professor Lee Camp has been hosting *Tokens*, Nashville's "new, old-time radio show," which offers a mix of theology, A-list local musicians, and a hearty helping of Southern-flavored satire.

Making disciples key to the

missions imperative, experts insist

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A clear sense of mission for the 21st century demands understanding the theology that underlies the missionary imperative, commitment to teaching the next generation and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's guidance, speakers told participants at a Baylor University symposium.

Contraception, abstinence not contradictory, Baylor researcher says

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Teaching young people the importance of sexual abstinence outside of marriage and sharing information about contraception need not be seen as contradictory messages, a Baylor University researcher has concluded.

Faith leaders protest Arizona's anti-immigration law

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Religious events across the country are being planned this weekend to protest Arizona's new law giving police more power to crack down on illegal immigration. Critics said the bill encourages racial profiling and illustrates the need for comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level.

Southern Baptist jailed in Haiti to stand trial on reduced charge

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Southern Baptist mission volunteer Laura Silsby will stand trial in Haiti on a charge of arranging irregular travel, CNN reported April 26.

What happens when Baptists

cannot agree about baptism?

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If Baptists—in all their diversity—cannot agree on baptism, some theologians wonder what is left to unite them.

Texas Tidbits

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At its Founder's Day celebration in Dallas, Buckner International honored five people whose lives have been touched by the agency's ministry to orphans and vulnerable children.