

Churches try varied ways to approach question of membership and baptism

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Baptism and local church membership have been inextricably linked historically in the minds of many Baptists. But that view is shifting as a decline in denominational loyalty and the easy movement of American Christians among churches of all stripes have created what writer Phyllis Tickle is calling the “great emergence”—a swirling convergence of denominational traditions toward a spiritual Christian core.

First-person reflection: Visiting an old Landmark

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Most of the baptisms I had seen over the years were not adults but children, some at a very young age. I am sure a preschooler can believe that Jesus is his Savior, but I wonder how much it really means when she also believes in Santa Claus or that storks deliver babies.

Around the State

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The Texas/American Fellowship of Cowboy Churches will hold its 25th Ranchhouse School May 1-2 at Bar None Cowboy Church in Tatum.

African-American churches see a revival of cooperation

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Recent months have seen a resurgence of interdenominational relations in some of the nation's most prominent predominantly black churches.

Obama administration to appeal ruling against National Day of Prayer

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The U.S. Justice Department announced April 22 it would appeal a federal court ruling that the National Day of Prayer is unconstitutional.

On the Move

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Pete Cancino to Primera Iglesia in Mathis as interim pastor.

Faith Digest

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Muslims in England are demanding the British army apologize for using apparent replicas of mosques for target practice on a firing range.

Renewing evangelism the focus of Baylor symposium

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“Renewing Evangelism for the 21st Century” is the theme and focus of an upcoming symposium sponsored by Baylor University’s Center for Ministry Effectiveness & Educational Leadership.

Wayland students, employees bare feet for Day Without Shoes

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Wayland Baptist University students and employees participated in a Day Without Shoes that focused on awareness about children and others worldwide who live without shoes and the diseases and sicknesses they encounter because of poverty.

Bike Out Hunger riders rolling through Texas

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A group of Baptist bike enthusiasts are on a 6-day bicycle trip across Texas to raise money for hungry people.

God's moral character the basis for Christian ethics, professor insists

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"When our concept of God is limited, that very concept limits what we will become," Gary Manning told participants at Howard Payne University's Currie/Strickland Distinguished Lecture Series on Christian Ethics.

Texas WMU will help fight human trafficking, share the gospel

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God's call to care for others and bring people into the kingdom beckons Woman's Missionary Union of Texas to reach out to the downtrodden and exploited throughout the state and around the globe—including victims of modern slavery.