

Grady Nutt a pacesetter for Christian comedy

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Grady Nutt, a Baptist minister who attained national fame as the “Prime Minister of Humor” in 1979 as a regular cast member of the popular television series “Hee Haw,” was at the pinnacle of his career when he died in a plane crash after a speaking engagement in Alabama at age 48.

Laughter is the best medicine â€”! except when itâ€™s a bitter pill to swallow

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Something that strikes one person as funny—even something heard at church—may seem inappropriate to another. How can believers strike a balance as they use humor and laughter in ministry?

Grieving comic says humor, like hope, springs eternal

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Jinny Henson is heading back to the comedy circuit with a major event April 24 in Pearland, and an August date in Monroe, La., for the first time since her daughter's death at age 12 from injuries received in a tragic church bus accident last summer.

A Time to Laugh

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What is the role of laughter and humor for Christians? When should believers take time to laugh?

Hispanic Baptist leaders become education advocates

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Although thousands of Texas students fail in high school each year, success still is possible for these students. That's what more than 25 Texas Hispanic Baptist leaders discovered during an education advocacy day in

Austin hosted by the Texas Baptist Hispanic Education Initiative and the Christian Life Commission.

Teens raise money for Haiti relief

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Drew Henderson and Nathan Crow sent Christmas bags to children in Haiti in October 2009. After the earthquake hit Haiti in January, they learned the school the children attended had been destroyed completely.

Houston pastor heartbroken by suffering in Haiti

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Pastor Marvin Delaney of South Park Baptist Church in Houston; Charlie Singleton, director of the BGCT's African-American Ministries; and Gerald Davis, BGCT community development director, have returned from a mission trip to Haiti where they saw "Christians serving as the hands and feet of Christ."

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A phone survey of 1,002 adults revealed 66 percent of Americans believe the United States has an obligation to assist poverty-stricken children around the world.

Fewer than half of Americans link Easter to Resurrection

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While most Americans describe Easter as a religious holiday, fewer than half of the adults surveyed link it specifically to the Resurrection of Jesus, a Barna Group study shows.

Dove Award nominees keep

spotlight on Christ

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The Dove Awards may be the biggest night of the year for the Gospel Music Association, but through testimonies and songs of praise, the spotlight remains shining brightly on Christ.

Church uses family portraits as tool for outreach, ministry

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Volunteers set up eight portrait studios at Cornerstone Baptist Church in innercity Dallas and took photos of about 300 families. Thirteen of the families who had their photographs taken joined the church the next Sunday.

Most church websites ineffective, but technology can

yield blessings

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A poll conducted by Christian technology company Endis indicates that when churches deliberately focus their websites on attracting outsiders, they see a corresponding rise in the number of non-Christian visitors.