

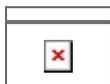
Texas Baptists give \$25,000 to Chilean earthquake relief

March 17, 2010

The Baptist General Convention of Texas provided \$25,000 to the Baptist Union of Chile to help meet needs following a report that half of the 500 churches in the convention reported major damage following a massive earthquake.

Texas WMU board sets missions offering goal at \$4.105 million

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The Woman's Missionary Union of Texas board of directors approved a \$4.105 million 2010 goal for the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions—down more than \$1 million from last year's goal.

Baptists decry Texas education board's curriculum votes

March 17, 2010

A Texas board that vets curriculum standards for the nation's second-largest textbook market has voted, along party lines, to leave an indelible conservative imprint on history, social-studies and economics courses. And the effects won't be felt in the Lone Star State alone.

Great Commission Task Force head surprised at backlash to report

March 17, 2010

The head of a task force appointed last summer to recommend ways to make the Southern Baptist Convention more effective in reaching the lost said he was surprised by negative reaction to parts of the group's preliminary report.

Last Baptist worker held in Haiti faces new charge

March 17, 2010

The last of 10 Americans held in Haiti on suspicion of kidnapping now faces a new charge stemming from an earlier alleged attempt to bus child earthquake victims to the Dominican Republic three days before the 10 Baptist church-group volunteers were arrested at the border Jan. 29.

Social networking and Christian community

March 17, 2010

Social networking sites have tremendous potential for Christians as a place where community-building occurs according to ethicist Bill Tillman. At the same time, ill-chosen words can rupture relationships and damage character.

Trinity? Thereâ€™s an app for

that.

March 17, 2010

Nils Smith recognizes he has an unusual title—pastor for college and online community ministry at Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio. But he suspects he may be one of the first of a new breed of ministers. 

Cookies pave way for gospel in Holland

March 17, 2010

Each Saturday morning, the smell of homemade cookies wafts through the air as members of First Baptist Church in Holland visit homes, offering people a bag of homemade cookies and the gospel presented on a Texas Hope 2010 multimedia compact disc.

In Alabama, coach has more Facebook fans than God does

March 17, 2010

University of Alabama football coach Nick Saban may not be bigger than

God in Alabama, but he has more fans on Facebook.

Economic squeeze produces a new kind of seminarian

March 17, 2010

When Newton, Mass., artist Paula Rendino needed fresh inspiration, she sought her muse in an unlikely place—seminary.

Baylor grad struggles with answers to big questions about human need

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Sarah Bush, minister of congregational development at Fredericksburg (Va.) Baptist Church, wrestles with big questions: Why do homelessness, hunger and poverty persist in the United States?

Germansâ€™ mega Passion play is back, and Jews are watching

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With its focus on the last days of Jesus' life, a Passion play should, by its nature, arouse passions. But in Oberammergau, the world's most famous Passion play keeps stirring the wrong kind.