

Around the State

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Mission Centers of Houston, which for more than 40 years has sought to help people in poverty, will hold a fundraiser Dec. 10 at the Met Church at 7 p.m.

How will Texas Baptists respond to a 'tsunami' of prisoners' families?

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The next disaster facing the United States isn't a hurricane, tornado or flood, a Huntsville pastor insisted. It's a 'tsunami' of families affected by incarceration, which may be as large as 350,000 people.

Prison ministry weekend sees 1,405 people accept Christ

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More than 200 volunteers shared their faith with 14,000 offenders in the

Pam Lynchner State Prison and the Harris County jail, and 1,405 men and women became followers of Christ. In all, more than 2,400 spiritual decisions were made as a result of the outreach.

Georgia Baptist Convention cuts ties with church led by woman pastor

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The Georgia Baptist Convention has ended its 148-year-old relationship with First Baptist Church of Decatur, Ga., over the congregation's 2007 vote to hire a woman as senior pastor.

Fort Worth church declines to send messengers to BGCT

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Rather than face a challenge from the floor, Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth chose not to send messengers to the state convention, saying it was "in the best interests of both our church and the BGCT."

Baptist Briefs: IMB to cut missionary force by 600

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Southern Baptists will be forced to draw down their overseas missions force in 2010 by as many as 600 missionaries, International Mission Board trustees were told Nov. 10.

Who are Texas Baptists?

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A statistical profile developed offers a revealing look at how the composition of the BGCT has changed.

ETBU basketball teams take game on the road, leading

clinics for youth

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Members of the East Texas Baptist University men's and women's basketball teams held simultaneous basketball clinics at four apartment complexes where they helped more than 120 children improve their basketball skills—and presented a low-key Christian witness.

Moldovan orphans give back as expressions of thanks

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Eight Moldovan children and youth in the care of Children's Emergency Relief International recently set out to give back to others in need through partnership with a church that helps people with disabilities.

Pastor deals with two mass murders that affect same

Central Texas town

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Randy Wallace, pastor of First Baptist Church in Killeen, Texas, recalls that a man in his church survived the Luby's cafeteria shooting in 1991, when 23 people were killed and 20 were wounded in Killeen. Coupled with the recent Fort Hood shooting, Wallace noted how mathematically improbable it is for one relatively small town to be directly affected by two mass murders within 20 years.

Chaplain aids grief-stricken at Fort Hood following massacre

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Nothing prepared Army Chaplain Jason Palmer for his initial tour of the yellow-taped crime scene at Fort Hood's Soldier Readiness Center, where he saw trails of blood still on the floor, bloody handprints on the walls and the telephone pole outside where the alleged shooter collapsed to the ground after being shot four times in the abdomen.

Wilshire team ministers to incarcerated girls in North Africa

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A team from Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas traveled to a predominantly Muslim country in North Africa to investigate future ministry possibilities—and show Christ’s love to a group of incarcerated young girls whose primary crime was a desire to eat.