

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.

Baptist Community Services to deliver 1,400 Texas Hope 2010 CDs

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Baptist Community Services in Amarillo is sharing the hope of Christ with its residents and employees one compact disc at a time.

Mesquite congregation does a â€œ180â€œ

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Jesus moved through crowds of people, building relationships and changing lives. Two millennia later, Grand View Baptist Church in Mesquite continues following that model.

Volunteer finds healing in helping others

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After suffering a neck injury, Marion Thomas thought she had nothing left to give. Two years later and pain-free as the congregation's administrator, Thomas coordinates one of the largest hunger ministries in South Central Texas, providing food for more than 35,000 people this year.

E-mail prayer network brings hope, support to border churches

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Christians who minister along the Texas/Mexico border acknowledge life can seem harsh and hopeless at times. But a bilingual e-mail prayer network brings hope and support to the pastors and churches striving to share the hope of Christ.

Imaginative reading helps pastors grow spiritually

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Hulitt Gloer, a professor at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary, gave himself permission to veer off the customary theological reading track. The result has been more meaningful, relevant sermons, he said. Now he is passing the word to other pastors: Banish the guilt.

Texas Baptist Ministry Award recipients honored

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A Southeast Texas hospital chaplain, a West Texas college campus ministry director and a Central Texas lay couple involved in restorative justice ministry are the 2009 recipients of the Texas Baptist Ministry Awards.

Justice Revival calls churches to unify and serve

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At the Justice Revival, more than 200 Dallas churches and city leaders agreed to address two needs by urging church partnerships with public schools and by pressing for creation of 700 units of permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless.

Good News Goods allow

consumers to purchase with a purpose

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By purchasing items from particular companies and product supply chains, consumers are getting more than they bargained for, said Charlotte Bumbulis, who leads the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission fair trade initiative Good News Goods.

Empty bowls dinner raises hunger funds, awareness

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Good Samaritan Ministries in Brownwood served guests at its recent Empty Bowls event a simple meal of soup, bread and water to portray the theme: "Live simply, so others can simply live."