

# **Volunteers spread hope and gospel CDs throughout El Paso**

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Volunteers distributed more than 4,400 Texas Hope multimedia compact disks in El Paso.

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# **Event focused on washing cars & cleansing hearts**

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Many groups use car washes as fund-raisers. But for members of Garland's Ethiopian Evangelical Baptist Church, their car wash wasn't about making money. They wanted to help people have clean cars and clean hearts.

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# **Open mission positions may be 'God moment,' says SBC**

# **task force chair**

September 18, 2009

ROGERS, Ark. — Impending vacancies in the top leadership positions of the Southern Baptist Convention's two mission boards offer unique opportunities for the denomination as it considers new ways to engage its mission enterprise, says the chair of a task force examining how the SBC should most effectively structure its missionary and funding mechanisms.

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## **Texas Tidbits**

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The Texas Hunger Initiative—a joint venture of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Baylor Center for Family & Community Ministries—will sponsor a Food Policy Roundtable Nov. 19 at Baylor University.

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## **On the Move**

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Neal Alexander to Hagerman Church in Sherman as pastor.

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## **Around the State**

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Leland Ryken will address “The Bible as a Literary Classic” as the third installment of Houston Baptist University’s Dunham Museum lecture series Oct. 1 at 7 p.m.

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## **UPDATED: IMB president to retire next summer**

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UPDATED: Jerry Rankin, who has served 17 years as president of the Southern Baptist Convention’s International Mission Board, has announced plans to retire July 31, 2010.

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## **Uzbek Baptist head, two other**

# **leaders face 3-year prison term**

September 18, 2009

The head of Uzbekistan's Baptist union and two colleagues face up to three years in prison on charges of tax evasion and teaching children about religion without permission from their parents, a crime in the predominantly Muslim Central Asian country.

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# **Baylor study focuses on clergy sexual misconduct**

September 18, 2009

In any given congregation with 400 adult members, seven women on average have been victims of clergy sexual misconduct since they turned 18, a new study reveals.

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# **Love your enemies, civility**

# advocates say

September 18, 2009

Mark DeMoss, veteran conservative Christian public relations executive, has joined forces with Democratic consultant Lanny Davis to launch The Civility Project, an online forum that aims to help people who disagree be less disagreeable.

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# Church lets students open window on computers

September 18, 2009

Twice a week, people pack into Iglesia Bautista Dios Te Ama in Fort Worth for computer classes. For many in the class, it is the first time they have ever turned on a computer, clicked a mouse or used a program.

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**Missions has been foundation's focus for**

# **quarter-century**

September 18, 2009

Twenty-five years ago, Texas Baptists sensed God calling them to a task like none other they'd undertaken. The state's population was exploding and diversifying. Evangelism efforts weren't keeping pace with growth. In fact, they were losing ground, leaving a growing non-Christian population.