

# **At 95, instrumentalist still offering musical gift to God's service**

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God gave Ilene Robertson a gift, and she's given it back Sunday after Sunday for 70 years at First Baptist Church in Paducah. Robertson, now 95, has been the church's organist since the day the organ arrived in 1955, and before that, she was the pianist.

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## **On the Move**

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Abbey Allison to First Church in Amarillo as summer children's intern.

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## **Obsolete sound equipment finds new home on mission field**

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While the digitization of television signals June 12 garnered wide publicity, many churches were left unaware their wireless microphone systems also

were affected.

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## **Jazz Messengers bring music to “forgotten” people**

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A musical group from Tyler used their talents to show a community in Peru continuing to recover from an earthquake two years ago that Christians still care for them.

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## **Del Rio congregation uses recreation to reach community**

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Ruben Chairez, pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Del Rio, wants to meet his community’s spiritual needs through recreation.

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# **Handful of Ethiopian Christians grow into denomination**

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Lauralee Lindholm and husband Ray Windsor Park Baptist Church in DeSoto returned to Ethiopia after 20 years to find a growing Baptist population.

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# **Highest freedom is freely giving self to God, Baptist historian says**

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Baptists must aspire to the kind of freedom that leads them to relinquish their autonomy to God, historian Walter Shurden told participants at the William H. Whitsitt Baptist Heritage Society's annual meeting.

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# **Baptist Briefs**

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Delegates to the American Baptist Churches USA biennial meeting in

Pasadena, Calif., torpedoed a major restructuring backed by denominational officials but criticized by some leaders and churches.

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## **Around the State**

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Paisano Baptist Encampment will hold its 89th consecutive general encampment beginning July 26 and running through lunch July 31.

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## **San Antonio adoptive family grows two by two**

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Soon after William and Dana Ryann married, he battled cancer and underwent radiation, making natural conception unlikely. Since the couple wanted children, and she had been adopted herself, it didn't take them long to decide to adopt.

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# **Obama to nominate prominent Christian geneticist to head NIH**

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The White House announced July 8 that President Obama would tap prominent Christian geneticist Francis Collins, who is one of the world's most famous thinkers on the relationship between religion and science, to head the National Institutes of Health.

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# **Broadway Baptist Church youth choir detours through Nashville**

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Fernia Harris of Nashville, Tenn., got a special surprise on her birthday July 8. A group of teenagers from Broadway Baptist Church in Forth Worth volunteered three days to scrape and paint the exterior of the 1920s-era house where Harris and her husband live and care for their disabled daughter.