

Pastors urged to pray, get own houses in order

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Speakers during the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference at the Indianapolis Convention Center urged pastors to renew their commitment to prayer and get their own spiritual lives in order.

Storms don't dampen Crossover spirit

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Mark Kennedy, a member of Greater Love Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis, shares his testimony during Crossover'08, the neighborhood outreach effort that preceded the SBC annual meeting.

IMB supporters release

statement opposing missionary guidelines

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A group of current and former missionaries, former mission-board trustees and pastors is calling for the Southern Baptist Convention International Mission Board to reverse controversial guidelines for missionaries enacted in 2005.

San Antonio success story headed to elite college in Vermont

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Jerry Romano is the latest beneficiary of a scholarship from Vista, a program that encourages students on San Antonio's West Side. VISTA partners with Baptist Child & Family Services and the agency's Guadalupe Street Coffee House.

Texas WMU supporters concerned, former presidents call for prayer

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Revised 6/2/08-Former missionaries joined some past members of the Woman's Missionary Union of Texas board and others in sending an open letter to the mission organization's board of directors, expressing concern over the termination of Interim Executive Director-Treasurer Nina Pinkston and other developments.

Rethink purposes and practice of worship

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Scholars David Peterson and Bruce Leafblad challenged students at the B.H. Carroll Theological Institute's 2008 summer colloquy to rethink the purpose and practice of worship.

Mentoring program helps ministers chart true course

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No one ever promised vocational ministry would be easy, said Michael Godfrey, executive director of True Course Ministries. That's why he knew his mentoring program for clergy would meet an immediate need.

Baptists aid displaced migrant workers in South Africa

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Baptists in South Africa have come to the aid of refugees displaced by ethnic violence.

Central Texas church touches lives of children, families in

Macedonia

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Members of Priddy Baptist Church were moved by a missionary couple's report on ministry in Macedonia. Since then they've provided educational opportunities for 40 children, paying for the expenses of the kindergarten for half the year—utilities and rent, plus backpacks and school supplies.

Short-term volunteers make long-term missions impact

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More than 2 million Christians from the United States participate in short-term missions work around the globe now, compared to about 18,000 in 1984. Why the drastic increase? What difference are the volunteers making? (Photo/Jenny Pope/Buckner)

Hazards for both sides when politicians court pastors

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This year's primary races have demonstrated—to a degree not seen in

previous elections—how the intersection of religion and politics can be fraught with peril for pastors and politicians.

Three generations of the Perkins family make a joyful noise to God

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The Perkins family claims six ordained music ministers, and one thing they have in common is that they sing not just from their diaphragms but from their hearts.