On the Move

February 19, 2009
Bobby Catt to First Church in San Angelo as minister with students and recreation.

Around the State: Lincoln and the Bible

February 19, 2009
Houston Baptist University's Dunham Bible Museum will present a lecture titled "Lincoln and the Bible" by Ronald White Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. White is the author of three books on Lincoln and is a professor of American religious history. The lecture is free.

SBC Executive Committee postpones vote on Broadway

February 19, 2009
The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee has asked Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth to clarify its views on homosexuality before determining whether its toleration of gay members

violates a constitutional ban on churches that "act to affirm, approve or endorse homosexual behavior."

Wayland senior defines future, call with semester in Africa

February 19, 2009

Jessica Riemersma recently returned from West Africa as a semester missionary through a partnership involving the IMB and the BGCT's Go Now Missions program.

Kay Warren: Following Christ means being â□□seriously disturbedâ□□

February 19, 2009

Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ means being willing to say “yes” unconditionally to God, knowing he likely will lead his followers into uncomfortable places, Kay Warren told a group at Baylor University.

Contact with global partners gave church expanded vision

February 19, 2009

When Lynne Hybels and her husband, Bill, started a church in suburban Chicago 33 years ago, they had two dreams. As a young pastor, he wanted to plant the kind of church where people who were far away from God could be reconciled to him. As a social worker, she wanted to develop a community of faith who wouldn't be afraid to confront "the messiness of life."

â□□Next big ideaâ□□ an old idea that looks radically different

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The "next big idea" actually is 2,000 years old, said Michael Stroope, associate professor of missions at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary. But it has "moved and morphed" into something quite different than what Americans and Europeans have known.

Service central to becoming an externally focused church

February 19, 2009

Chase Oaks Church in Plano and LifeBridge Christian Church in Longmont, Colo., dropped most of their programs in favor of service to their communities. As a result, the congregations have impacted more lives and grown in their faith.

Why serve? Most Christian volunteers say itâ□□s a God thing

February 19, 2009

A Baylor researcher has confirmed what many church nominating committees and volunteer coordinators have suspected. Christians age 50 and older volunteer for service because they believe God wants them to do it.

Debt retirement feels like â□□stimulus packageâ□□ to church leaders

February 19, 2009

It wasn’t loaves and fishes, but dollars and cents the congregation of First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls brought together. The result was still astounding—the payment of $8.4 million in debt in seven months.

Simple steps lead to â□□next-levelâ□□ ministry to communities

February 19, 2009

Churches can strengthen the ministries they provide to their communities by taking five key steps, ministry specialist Amy Sherman told participants at the Next Big Idea conference at Baylor University.

It takes a village to renew community and build healthy society

February 19, 2009

Mack McCarter, founder of Community Renewal International, says community is the key to renewal.