

Texas Tidbits: Shalom Builders launching

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The Texas Baptist disaster recovery office is launching Shalom Builders, a ministry to mobilize church and community groups with tool trailers and skilled construction volunteers.

TBM relief workers move mud, debris in Colorado

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Texas Baptist Men disaster relief volunteers continue to serve in Jamestown, Colo., clearing debris from the flood-ravaged mining town.

Wise Choices saving lives and changing lives

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Wise Choices, a crisis pregnancy center in Decatur, is not just “pro-birth.” As a “pro-life” center, it seeks to empower clients to make life-affirming decisions.

Chaplain guidelines on same-sex issues released

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Texas Baptist chaplains cannot perform same-sex marriages, but they otherwise are permitted to provide pastoral care “shaped by the Bible and Baptist tradition,” according to guidelines issued by the Texas Baptist chaplaincy relations office.

Vietnamese immigrant uses martial arts to point people to Jesus

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Johnny Le helps his martial arts students not only learn how to care for their bodies better, but also care for their spirits by introducing them to Jesus Christ.

Refugee ministry means serving as trusted guides

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When refugees arrive, often their possessions include little more than their official paperwork. They need trusted guides to navigate their new lives, presenters noted during the recent Texas Baptist Refugee Summit at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas.

Detention center volunteers not weary in well doing

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For about a decade, Ken and Shannon Koonsman from First Baptist Church in Lewisville have coordinated Bible study classes for youth incarcerated in the Denton County Juvenile Detention Center—not because they see measurable results but because they feel called by God to do it.

Texas Tidbits: Baylor, Scott &

White merger complete

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The governing boards of Baylor Health Care System and Scott & White Healthcare completed the merger of the two health systems to form the largest not-for-profit health system in Texas.

TBM disaster relief volunteers relocate to mining town

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After preparing more than 600 meals and cleaning mud from several homes in Loveland, Colo., Texas Baptist Men disaster relief volunteers relocated to a previously isolated mining town northwest of Boulder.

Chaplains on frontline in battle against military suicides

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For military personnel, the fight rages well beyond the battlefield, and chaplains are on the frontlines.

Regional casinos prey on problem gamblers, study says

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Modern regional casinos use the lure of highly addictive computerized slot machines to prey on the weakness of low-income to middle-income patrons, according to a new study by experts in the behavioral, health and social sciences.

Baylor School of Social Work honors social justice trailblazers

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The School of Social Work at Baylor University recently recognized two daughters of the segregated South who served as forerunners for change and equality when they broke the color barrier at the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville, Ky., in 1955.