The church at large and especially the church in America has rarely experienced such rapid and profound changes in shared stories and values as it has in recent years. What advice do you have for American clergy in dealing with the radical shifts on marriage, sexuality and truth? A: It is hard for anyone, old or young, to lay down and keep their balance. Clergy in particular need to be very firmly anchored in the scriptures, in prayer, in the sacramental life and in ministry to the poor. These four things keep clergy (and anyone else) close to Jesus himself, and he alone is the true anchor in these or any storms. There is a lot of confusion and a lot of confused talking on marriage and sexuality. We urgently need serious work in these areas rather than simply going with a political flow of whatever sort. As for truth — well, there is a brittle, modernist kind of ‘truth,’ which is a kind of ‘truth’ that can be challenged, a kind of ‘truth’ that is under assault. But this is not a Christian response. We need serious work in these areas rather than simply going with a political flow of whatever sort.

Q: What is so remarkable about the resurrection and the authenticity of the resurrection? A: The message, the challenge is to grow out of the man that Time Magazine characterized as ‘the most formidable figures in the world of Christian thought’ is currently research professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

Brett McCracken, writing in Christianity Today, referred to Wright as, “perhaps the world’s leading Christian theologian-writer-intellectual,” but a shorter description for him might simply be “defender of New Testament and Early Christian literature.”

Theologian-writer-intellectual ‘defends’ Christianity’s CORE VALUES

Faith Focus

Rick Cousins’ columns appear in the B2 column appearing Saturday.

Have a unique or unusual event? Email details to rick.cousins@galvnews.com at least two weeks in advance.

Shackles, chains and a chorus

Texas A&M Women’s Chorus will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday at Galveston’s First Baptist Church, 832 23rd St.

“The chorus strives to promote excellence in the fine arts and to encourage cultural expansion at Texas A&M,” said Mike Ehren, a descendant of Galveston’s historic Ehren Family.

“They travel throughout Texas and internationally performing a varied repertoire of sacred and secular classical selections.”

“Not only are they amazing vocalists, but also they will fill them with the sense of Aggie spirit and pride. You are sure to leave with a heart filled with music as you experience their musical serenade.” Call 409-763-1840.

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The Sheila B. Ministries STAND conference, which was traditionally held in Dallas, is coming to Galveston County this year beginning at 6 p.m. March 28 at Hitchcock’s Grace Baptist Church, 6333 State Highway 6.

“This conference encourages all women to reflect on the shackles that have plagued them for what they are — sins of the past. Let us examine them and learn to see those shackles as a strength of our faith, a gift that can be healed with God’s touch, embracing them and turning them into a declaration that we can stand in the face of what we call the ‘shackles’ conference Director Deborah Ellis said.”

“This is really not a Chosen Generation, a Galveston County conference hosted by GGM,” said spokesperson Regina Roberson. “Our conference is to have every church in the county participate in this conference.

“It is for all women who are seeking spiritual liberation, motivation and a real ‘feeling of God’ with Jesus.”

Registration is $40 at www.aggiewomen.com or call 409-986-5435.

See Faith Focus B3
**Contemplative Reading**

1. **Verses from various churches.**
2. **The Galveston Daily News is offering both of its annual Thanksgiving service at 11 a.m. Sunday.**
3. **Support group register, visit www.stjohnclearlake.org.**
4. **Courses at www.texas-yamaha.com.**
5. **Yancy Ministries will present a gospel musical at 7:30 p.m. March 29 at 7402 Stewart Rd. N. in Texas City.**
6. **Email info@internationalaustralia.org/listen.**
7. **Monday in the McCullough Lecture Hall.**
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from various churches.

1. **International Apostles Ministry group meeting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
2. **Folks looking to hear about your bishop’s barbecue, your church’s offering or something else always enterprising.**
3. **Send church announcements to angela.taylor@galvnews.com.**

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