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BaptistWay Bible study lessons are back in the Baptist Standard.

The Standard will feature two BaptistWay lessons in each issue, providing ongoing supplemental commentary for readers who study the BaptistWay lessons during Sunday school in their churches, Editor Marv Knox announced.

BaptistWay Press is the publishing imprint of the Baptist General Convention of Texas' Bible Study/Discipleship Center.

The Standard began publishing BaptistWay lessons in March 2000, when BaptistWay released its first materials. Although the lessons are undated, the convention produces lesson books four times per year. The Standard dates its lessons in conjunction with the Sundays of each publication cycle.

<p><u>“See this week's lesson here.</u></p>

The newspaper discontinued its lessons, which are designed to provide

additional study material for BaptistWay users, last winter. The primary reason was financial, Knox explained.

"BaptistWay produces fine lessons, and we've been grateful to produce supplementary material. But our lessons cost us about \$20,000 per year to produce," Knox said.

"With the tight economy and a downturn in advertising revenue, we had to look for some places to cut our budget. So we trimmed the lessons.

"During the past eight months, we've been gratified to realize our readers just won't let us quit publishing BaptistWay lessons. Baptists from all across the state contacted us, asking us to publish them again."

The next set of lessons—a unit on 2 Corinthians followed by a unit on Jesus' teachings in Matthew—will be written by Todd Still, associate professor of Christian Scriptures at Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

The Standard continues to publish companion lessons for both series produced by LifeWay Christian Resources, the Southern Baptist Convention's publishing house.

New writers for the LifeWay lessons are Pakon Chan, pastor of Arlington Chinese Baptist Church in Arlington, Explore the Bible series, and Angela Hamm, spiritual formation/single adult minister at First Baptist Church in Lewisville, Family Bible Study series.

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