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## **Proclaim Christ Lord with the way you live life**

John 1:19-34

**By Leroy Fenton**

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## **Florida court rules school voucher program**

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**By Robert Marus**

*Associated Baptist Press*

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (ABP)- A Florida state appeals court ruled the state's school-voucher program is unconstitutional because it provides funding to religious schools.

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## HSU Friendship House opens\_112204

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## **HSU Friendship House opens**

Danyel Rogers (l),  
community  
coordinator, and  
Linda Carleton,  
coordinator for the  
Hardin-Simmons  
University  
Neighborhood  
Enhancement  
Program, welcome  
Abilene-area  
residents to the  
HSU Friendship  
House, which was  
dedicated Nov. 13.

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention ( SBC ) and around the world.

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**By Marshall Allen**

*Religion News Service*

PASADENA, Calif. (RNS)- In Southern California for yet another evangelistic crusade, 86-year-old Billy Graham says he feels his age but isn't about to stop preaching the gospel.

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## **Family ministry should focus on**

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## **Family ministry should focus on family strengths, Hardin-Simmons prof says**

**By Miranda Bradley**

*For Texas Baptist Communications*

SAN ANTONIO-During a time when families increasingly look different, a Hardin-Simmons University professor said it is important for churches to broaden their ministry scope.

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**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

SAN ANTONIO—True worship focuses on God, not on self-fulfillment or evangelistic outreach, a Texas Baptist music professor insists.

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## **Illinois Baptists cut governing board membership by more than half\_112204**

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**By Michael Leathers**

*Associated Baptist Press*

TINLEY PARK, Ill. (ABP)-Amid concerns that too much power is being concentrated in the hands of fewer leaders, messengers to the Illinois Baptist State Association's annual meeting approved a constitutional change to reduce its board of directors by more than half.

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*ABP Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Baptists in Italy-a nation President Bush counts as an ally in the Iraq war-are asking their American counterparts to help bring an end to that conflict.

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**By David E. Anderson**

*Religion News Service*

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Mvume Dandala, general secretary of the All Africa Conference of Churches, has warned that the violence in the Ivory Coast could spread to other parts of Africa.

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## **Kerry failed to link vision to**

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## Kerry failed to link vision to values, operatives say

**By Kim Lawton**

*Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly*

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Operatives hired to guide Sen. John Kerry on religious issues say the campaign fell short in linking the presidential candidate's political vision to deeply held religious values and in mobilizing faith-based voters.

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SAN ANTONIO-Fifty-two-year-old Houm met God, one of two great loves of his life, in the most unlikely of places—a Thai refugee camp.

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## **Texas Baptist Forum\_112204**

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### **TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM**

#### **Discerning eyes**

The 2004 BGCT convention in San Antonio was one of the most historic conventions I can remember.

Our leaders put before us a challenging vision of our future. This new vision will streamline our governance and challenge our convention to be much more "church-centered" rather than "program centered."

You can see the fingerprints of our Lord in much that was presented to us, but I am also deeply concerned about other trends.

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