

# **El Paso Baptists' 2004 church-starts nearly double previous year's number\_122004**

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EL PASO-Baptists in El Paso already held their annual church-planting banquet, but they've got room at the table for others who want to help them start churches.

They had plenty to celebrate at this year's banquet, reported Josué Valerio, director of missions for El Paso Baptist Association.

"In 2003, we started 16 churches, but by the end of this year, we will have started 30 churches in 2004," Valerio said. "This is a remarkable accomplishment for one association with limited ministry resources in an impoverished area. We thank God for this blessing."

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

EL PASO—A holiday meal filled several Texas Baptists from El Paso with a renewed desire to see and meet needs around them.

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## **LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Dec. 26: Be a good**

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## **Be a good steward of the riches God has given**

Lesson Passage: Luke 16:1-13

**By Pakon Chan**

*Chinese Baptist Church, Arlington*

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## **LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Jan. 2: Don't let Christ's return catch you unprepared\_122004**

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LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Jan. 2

# Don't let Christ's return catch you unprepared

Luke 17:20-37

**By Pakon Chan**

*Chinese Baptist Church, Arlington*

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# Judge dismisses most of lawsuit challenging faith-based initiative\_122004

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# Judge dismisses most of lawsuit challenging faith-based initiative

**By Robert Marus**

*ABP Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON (ABP)-A federal judge has dismissed the most sweeping

portions of a lawsuit that challenged President Bush's faith-based initiative as unconstitutional.

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# **LifeWay Family Bible Series for Dec. 26: Announce Jesus Christ, the source for new life\_122004**

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**LifeWay Family Bible Series for Dec. 26**

## **Announce Jesus Christ, the source for new life**

John 4:1-45

**By Leroy Fenton**

*Baptist Standard, Dallas*

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# **LifeWay Family Bible Series for Jan. 2: Integrity is a necessary credential for a Christian\_122004**

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## **Integrity is a necessary credential for a Christian**

Titus 2:1, 113:8

**By Leroy Fenton**

*Baptist Standard, Dallas*

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## **Texas Baptist universities ask students: 'Are you ready for**

# some football?'\_122004

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| <p>Hardin-Simmons<br/>University and<br/>Howard Payne<br/>University<br/>square off for an<br/>NCAA Division<br/>III gridiron<br/>matchup in<br/>Brownwood<br/>(left). At right,<br/>HSU<br/>quarterback<br/>takes a snap<br/>during another<br/>game.</p> |                                                                                   |

**Texas Baptist universities ask  
students:  
'Are you ready for some football?'**

**By Marv Knox**

*Editor*

The Mary Hardin-Baylor Crusaders defeated the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys in the second round of the 2004 football playoffs, but both schools went home winners.

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**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

SAN ANTONIO—Jovita Galan, a pioneer in bilingual early-childhood education and a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board missionary for more than 40 years, died Dec. 5 at the age of 89.

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FORT WORTH-River Oaks Baptist Church in Fort Worth hopes its Christmas present to the community will provide recipients the “get up and go” they need to come to church.

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## **Christians complicit in worst instances of genocide in 20th century, researcher**

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## **Christians complicit in worst instances of genocide in 20th century, researcher insists**

**By Jana Peairson**

*Samford University*

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP)- Christians reading the biblical accounts of Jesus' birth often are jolted by King Herod's act of genocide. When told by the wise men of the birth of a Jewish king, Herod ordered all the male Jewish infants in Bethlehem slaughtered to eliminate potential rivals, according to the second chapter of Matthew.

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## **HOPE ministry helps fill Christmas stockings for needy Round Rock children\_122004**

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**By Miranda Bradley**

*Texas Baptist Children's Home*

ROUND ROCK-More than 50 children waited impatiently in a line outside the Chisholm Trail Apartments community center, eager to catch a glimpse of Santa and the toys he brought just for them.