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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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Lesson Passage: Luke 16:1-13

By Pakon Chan

Chinese Baptist Church, Arlington

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Luke 17:20-37

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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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Announce Jesus Christ, the source for new life

John 4:1-45

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Titus 2:1, 113:8

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

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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.

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

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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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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.