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David Crowder and band perform during worship at University Baptist church in Waco. (Photo by Jerry Larson/Waco Tribune-Herald)

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By Terri Jo Ryan

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WACO-Chris Seay once told Mother Jones, a countercultural political magazine, he had been laid up in a hospital bed with appendicitis and a raging fever when God spoke to him. And the divine instructions were

precise: Open a church for 20-somethings in Waco on Jan. 15, 1995.

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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Leaders of four historically black Baptist denominations closed a landmark joint meeting by issuing a statement on several social and political issues affecting the African-American community.

Sri Lankan sign asks, “Is there any hope for refugees like us?”12405

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By Tony Cartledge

North Carolina Biblical Recorder

GALLE, Sri Lanka (ABP)—On the waterfront in Galle City, a road runs parallel to the beach, but there are no cabanas and beach chairs to be seen. Large, colorful shrimp boats lean together on the curb, ripped from their moorings and swept ashore by the infamous tsunami of Dec. 26. Across the street, a long city block has been turned to rubble.

BaptistWay Bible Series for Jan. 30: Jesus told stories that his

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Matthew 13:24-43

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BaptistWay Bible Series for Feb. 6: Believers are to come with a childlike faith_20605

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Matthew 18:1-14

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LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Feb. 6: Be prepared for the return of Jesus Christ_20705

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Be prepared for the return of Jesus Christ

Luke 21

By Pakon Chan

Chinese Baptist Church, Arlington

LifeWay Family Bible Series for Feb. 6: Thankfully, God is the God of second chances_20705

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Thankfully, God is the God of second chances

Hosea 1:2-11, 3:1-5

By Leroy Fenton

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Familia Bautista En Texas Informa Sobre Su Vida De Extranjeros Sin Documentos

By Ken Camp

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Ernesto sirve como diacono en una iglesia bautista hispana en Austin. Su esposa, Maria, trabaja en varios ministerios en la iglesia. Y, como 1.1 millon de gente en Texas y mas de 9.3 millon en los Estados Unidos, ellos estan en este pais ilegalmente.

Young worshippers finding new

meaning in old hymns_20705

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By Leann Callaway

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Melodies and instrumentation have changed, but the lyrics remain the same as young worshippers find new meaning in traditional hymns.

Pastor sees BUA as 'God-sent' opportunity for undocumented student_12405

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Mirzha Leija faces a complicated future as an "illegal." Though she grew up in Texas and graduated from Seguin High School, she is not eligible for any government assistance for college expenses. (Photo by Craig Bird)

Pastor sees BUA as 'God-sent' opportunity for undocumented student

By Craig Bird

Baptist University of the Americas

SEGUIN-The first time Carlos and Olga Martinez met Mirzha Leija, the girl with the light-up-the-room smile, they were impressed. Nothing in the past decade has changed their minds.

Pastor helps immigrants gain legal status_12405

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Alex Camacho directs the nonprofit Immigration Services organization and is pastor of Iglesia Bautista Cristiana in McKinney. (Photo by Sarah Farris)

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By Sarah Farris

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MCKINNEY-Before Alex Camacho felt God's call to ministry, he planned to become a lawyer. Now he combines his passion for God, law and the Hispanic community as director of Immigration Services-a nonprofit organization accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals-and pastor of Iglesia Bautista Cristiana in McKinney.

Austin woman believes citizens can shape immigration policy_12405

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Carmelita Hernandez, a member of Iglesia Bautista Principe de Paz in Austin, drafted a guestworker pilot program proposal. (Photo by Ken Camp)

Austin woman believes citizens can shape immigration policy

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AUSTIN-Carmelita Hernandez believes one person can make a difference—even when it comes to big issues like shaping the United States' immigration policy.