

Wave of hope sweeps Thailand in months after tsunami

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Children
play in their
"front
yards" after
the tide
comes in to
a "Sea
Gypsy"
village in
southern
Thailand.
Already
poor, the
village
faced
starvation
when the
tsunami of
2004
destroyed
their
fishing
boats.
Missionary
Mark
Caldwell
and local
Christians
brought
help and
the love of
Christ.
(Photo
courtesy of
IMB)

By Erich Bridges

International Mission Board

Sunset paints a glorious reddish glow across the placid water lapping the beach at Khao Lak, Thailand. The view calms the mind, quiets the heart and and packs in the tourists at posh resorts.

Weekend Fest rocks

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About 600 teenagers and others joined in Weekend Fest, a Christian concert featuring Tree63 prior to the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting in Austin. Participants gave more than \$400 for mission work through Baptist Student Ministries around the state, and numerous young people made decisions for Christ. The concert also featured several prizes. Woodlawn Baptist Church and Teri Road Baptist Church in Austin each won \$500 to help pay for youth mission trips. Melanie Jaramillo of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Austin won a laptop computer, and Belle Ramey, a youth worker at Crestview Baptist Church in Georgetown, won a paid trip to next year's BGCT annual meeting in Dallas.

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New court appointee might affect upcoming abortion cases

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New court appointee might affect upcoming abortion cases

By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—As the Supreme Court took up its first major

abortion case in five years Nov. 30, attention focused on the body's shifting membership and what that might mean for abortion rights in the future.

Cybercolumn by Brett Younger: The Great American Christmas Letter

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Print, cut
along the
dotted line,
and place
on your
refrigerator.

CYBER COLUMN:

The Great American Christmas Letter

By Brett Younger

Dear Friends, Family & Many Readers of the Baptist Standard Whom I've Never Met,

My family is not the kind that writes Christmas letters, but each year I read so many heart-warming epistles from wonderful families that I feel inspired. I have to begin by admitting that none of us are learning to dance, quilt or speak French. I'm sorry to say that we are not earning belts of any color in Tae Kwon Do. I'm embarrassed to confess that we have no new houses, cars, pets or children (and have no desire for any of these). Maybe we should have gone to Disneyworld, but we had a good year.

Right or Wrong? Spare the rod?

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Right or Wrong? Spare the rod?

My 5-year-old tends to act out, even in church. One lady, old enough to be my grandmother, told me, "Spare the rod and spoil the child." What does that mean?

BaptistWay Bible Series for Dec. 11: Continually make yourself available to God

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BaptistWay Bible Series for Dec. 11

Continually make yourself available to God

- Luke 9:51-62

By Alexia Riggs

Explore the Bible Series for Dec. 4: People still need to hear

the good news

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Explore the Bible Series for Dec. 11

People still need to hear the good news

- Romans 10:1-4, 8-18, 21

By Trey Turner

Canyon Creek Baptist Church, Temple

Today's church floats among the masses of other people who are equally media-logged. People reached their saturation point at some earlier time. There is simply too much information from too many sources to comfortably keep up.

Cyber Column by Berry Simpson: Upgraded

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CYBER COLUMN: Upgraded

By Berry Simpson

Well, I'm feeling upgraded nowadays. Maybe "updated" is a better word.

I'm driving a new pickup. It's a 2005 that's been on the road for a year, but it looks and feels brand new to me—instead of my 1994 SUV.

Prophetic voice absent but still heard at TBC event

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Prophetic voice absent but still heard at TBC event

By Craig Bird

AUSTIN—A silent prophet asked Texas Baptists, "Where have all the prophets gone?"

Phil Strickland, longtime director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission was unable to speak at the annual breakfast of Texas Baptists Committed because of illness, but his thoughts dominated the gathering.

A Tribute to My Friend, Phil Strickland

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By David Currie

Executive Director, Texas Baptists Committed

At the Texas Baptists Committed breakfast meeting in Austin, TBC Executive Director David Currie read the following tribute to Phil Strickland, longtime director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission. Strickland had been scheduled to speak at the breakfast event but was unable due to illness. Currie presented a copy of this tribute to Strickland's mother:

BaptistWay Bible Series for

Dec. 4: Discipleship means...

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BaptistWay Bible Series for Dec. 4

Discipleship means...

- Luke 9:18-2

By Alexia Riggs