

Wave of hope sweeps Thailand in months after tsunami

December 2, 2005

Posted: 12/02/05

Wave of hope sweeps Thailand in months after tsunami

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

December 2, 2005

Posted: 12/02/05

Weekend Fest rocks

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.

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.

Storylist for 11/21/05 issue

December 2, 2005

Storylist for week of 11/21/05

GO TO SECTIONS:

- [Around Texas](#)
- [Baptists](#)
- [Faith In Action](#)
- [Departments](#)
- [Opinion](#)
- [Bible Study](#)



- [Accident changed focus of ETBU athlete Huckaby](#)
- [Wayland worldwide recruiting effort nets students from Dubai](#)
- [Tornadoes disrupt Tennessee Baptist meeting](#)
- [Alabama Baptists urged to lead in racial harmony](#)
- [Missionary couple helping to reach remote Lencas in Honduras](#)
- [Kentucky Baptists approve new relationship with college](#)
- [Tennessee university to elect own trustees](#)

Articles from our 11/21/05 issue:



- [One family, one mission](#)



BGCT Annual Meeting

- [Time to 'show up, pay up & speak up,' Bell insists](#)
- [Resolution reaffirms biblical sexual values but not boycotts](#)
- [Restructured BGCT designed to offer one-stop shop for Texas](#)
- [Reyes urges Texas Baptists to share power, resources](#)
- [Missions Foundation honors four for missions contributions](#)
- [BWA leader brings more than fraternal greetings to BGCT](#)
- [Opportunity knocks during CityReach](#)
- [Prophetic voice absent but still heard at TBC event](#)
- [Where Have All the Prophets Gone? by Phil Strickland](#)
- [Hispanic Baptists celebrate family & mission](#)
- [Work together to accomplish mission, Nguyen urges BGCT](#)

- [Health Foundation names Elston president](#)
- [Around the State](#)
- [On the Move](#)
- [Texas Tidbits](#)

Previously Posted

- [BGCT officer elections reflect convention's diversity](#)
- [BGCT approves sweeping change in governance structure](#)
- [WMU board cancels Texas Leadership Conference](#)
- [Texas WMU celebrates 125 years of missions service](#)
- [Historic Texas Baptist church 'still alive and growing,' pastor reports](#)
- [Ministers, layman honored at banquet](#)
- [Varied evangelism methods can be effective, Shuffield says](#)
- [Worship should unify, not divide, educator insists](#)
- [Teens illustrate what they need spiritually](#)
- [BGCT mission and heritage 'not for sale,' Wade insists](#)
- [Young pastors learn from elders](#)



- [At long last, Georgians vote to cast out Mercer](#)
- [Florida signs for marriage](#)
- [Louisiana veers from recent trends](#)
- [North Carolina Baptists still may give to Fellowship](#)
- [Baptist Briefs](#)

Previously Posted

- [Rogers kept SBC's steering wheel turned to the right](#)



- [Volunteer uses spiritual gifts in prison](#)



- [Thanksgiving observances reflect political agendas](#)
- [Court declines to hear 'In God We Trust' case](#)
- [Gender testing raises ethical questions](#)
- [Tiny ceramic shard yields gigantic archaeological find](#)



- [Cartoon](#)
- [Classified Ads](#)

- [Texas Baptist Forum](#)

- [Around the State](#)

- [On the Move](#)



- [EDITORIAL: Texas & the 21st-century Pentecost](#)

- [DOWN HOME: Do you give thanks for music's aroma](#)

- [2nd Opinion: Things I learned as a BGCT officer](#)

- [TOGETHER: Texas Baptists have much work to do](#)

- [Right or Wrong? Stem Cells \(Again\)](#)

- [Texas Baptist Forum](#)

- [Cyber Column by Jeanie Miley: God is at work](#)



- [BaptistWay Bible Series for Nov. 20: Wasted potential is a danger all face](#)

- [Family Bible Series for Nov. 20: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom](#)

- [Explore the Bible Series for Nov. 20: When evil closes in, remember God's promises](#)

- [BaptistWay Bible Series for Nov. 27: Everything is to be subjugated to God's will](#)
- [Family Bible Series for Nov. 27: Submission to the will of God is an imperative](#)
- [Explore the Bible Series for Nov. 27: Circumstances can't defeat God's purposes](#)

[See articles from previous issue 11/14/05 here.](#)

New court appointee might affect upcoming abortion cases

December 2, 2005

Posted: 12/02/05

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

December 2, 2005

Posted: 12/02/05

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?

December 2, 2005

Posted: 12/02/05

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

December 2, 2005

Posted: 11/29/05

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

December 2, 2005

Posted: 11/29/05

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

December 2, 2005

Posted: 11/28/05

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

December 2, 2005

Posted: 11/18/05

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

December 2, 2005

Posted: 11/23/05

A Tribute to My Friend, Phil Strickland

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...

December 2, 2005

Posted: 11/21/05

BaptistWay Bible Series for Dec. 4

Discipleship means...

- Luke 9:18-2

By Alexia Riggs