

# **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.

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## **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.

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.

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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.

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# Cybercolumn by Brett Younger: The Great American Christmas Letter

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

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## 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.

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## 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?**

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# **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**

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## **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.

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## 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.

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## **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.

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# **A Tribute to My Friend, Phil Strickland**

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## **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:

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## **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**