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Professional fisherman Clay Dyer learned determination at an early age—a lesson he often shares when he speaks to church groups. (Photos by George Henson)

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By George Henson

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ROCKWALL—Clay Dyer believes without a doubt God called him to become a professional fisherman—and not just the “fisher of men” variety.

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Slum residents in North India gather to hear a gospel message from visiting ministers from Texas and Oklahoma. The group toured India observing the ministry of Gospel for Asia, a Carrollton-based missions support group. (Photos by John Rutledge and John Fornof)

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By John Rutledge

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A group of Baptist ministers from Texas travelled to India last month at the invitation of Carrollton-based Gospel for Asia, and what they found could be summed up in the face of a girl named Biva.

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Passage to India: Special Report

Webmaster John Rutledge accompanied a group of Baptist ministers from Texas and Oklahoma to India last month to observe the ministry of Gospel for Asia, a Carrollton-based church-planting group. They saw a face of India that President Bush missed when he visited the subcontinent last week.

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Churches rediscovering Lent and 'full impact' of Easter

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By Hannah Elliott

Associated Baptist Press

DALLAS (ABP)—For Ray Vickrey and Mike Clingenpeel, Easter doesn't mean much without about 40 days of reflection and repentance before it.

Cybercolumn by Brett Younger:

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CYBER COLUMN:

The joy of socks

By Brett Younger

Most biblical scholars neglect to point out how prominent footwear is in Scripture. In Ezekiel 16:10, the prophet predicts \$200 tennis shoes, “I clothed thee also with broidered work, and shod thee with badgers’ skin, and girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk.”

The name of Jacob, one of Israel’s patriarchs, means “one who grabs the heel”—which could be paraphrased “one who grabs the sock.”



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Explore the Bible Series for April 2: Put trust only in God

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Explore the Bible Series for April 2

Put trust only in God

- Isaiah 24:1-31:9

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Isaiah 24-27 is a collection of oracles, probably from different periods of time, dealing primarily with judgment of Israel's enemies, though some prophecies of salvation for Israel also appear.

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DALLAS (ABP)—Recently released satellite images of an unknown formation or object on Mt. Ararat in Turkey have added fuel to archeologists' ongoing quest to find Noah's ark.

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DURHAM, N.C., (ABP)—In a demonstration of their commitment to develop young ministers, about 40 churches have signed a covenant to coordinate their efforts and—they hope—avert a clergy shortage.

2nd Opinion: Partisan churches will feel IRS heat

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By Melissa Rogers

Consider yourself warned. That's a key message the Internal Revenue Service sent to churches and charities with the materials it recently released on impermissible electioneering. While the IRS has merely

slapped the wrists of most noncomplying organizations in the past, the new materials put churches and charities on notice that it will react more vigorously to violations in future election cycles.

Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code provides an exemption from tax for organizations with charitable, religious or educational purposes. The code also flatly prohibits these organizations from directly or indirectly participating or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for elective public office. In short, this tax benefit is intended to flow to charitable, religious or education work, not partisan political activity.

