

Cybercolumn by John Duncan: A priority on service

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CYBER COLUMN: A priority on service

By John Duncan

I'm sitting here under the old oak tree, thinking in this warm winter of roses. Shakespeare once opined: "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name could smell as sweet." Speaking of sweet, for all University of Texas Longhorn football fans, the hype, the drama, the game is finally over. Texas won the Rose Bowl and the national championship.

What struck me about the game was the intensity, the challenge, the level of competition. In competition, winners and losers emerge. Texas wins. The University of Southern California loses. Vince Young, the quarterback for Texas, works his unbelievable magic, and his Texas Longhorns win the championship. Winning brings smiles. Winning means you have gained control. Winning means you have dominated. As legendary Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne once said, "Show me a good loser, and I'll show you a failure."

John Duncan

BaptistWay Bible Series for Jan. 29: Story of the prodigal son still offers lessons

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• Luke 15:11-32

By Ronnie Prevost

Family Bible Series for Jan. 29: God's plan remains the only

one that works

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God's plan remains the only one that works

- Genesis 2:18-25; Proverbs 5:15-20; Romans 13:11-14

By Donald Raney

Explore the Bible Series for Jan. 29: Accept others, and let God be their judge

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Explore the Bible Series for Jan. 29

Accept others, and let God be their judge

• Romans 14:1-12

By Trey Turner

Canyon Creek Baptist Church, Temple

I have been interested in what allergies are and how the body responds to allergens. Like so many, I have allergies. My allergies are triggered primarily by meadow grasses. I live in the land of the cedar tree, but I do not have the reaction that some do to cedar pollen.

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By William Nunnelley

Associated Baptist Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP)—Samford University's board of trustees unanimously elected Andrew Westmoreland the Alabama Baptist school's 18th president.

Kentucky college off probation

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By Trennis Henderson

Kentucky Western Recorder

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (ABP)—One year after being placed on probation by its accrediting association, Georgetown College has been “given a clean bill of health,” President Bill Crouch reported.

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Asia rebuild

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Through
gifts to
Cooperative
Baptist
Fellowship
Asian
Response, a
sewing
center
opens in
the Indian
village of
Sardu
Kadapa,
where local
teenage
girls learn
sewing
skills that
will
generate
income for
themselves
and their
families.

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By Carla Wynn

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

SARDU KADAPA, India—Sixty-year-old Ramajayamma believes one person can change a village. For 45 years, she has gone door-to-door sharing Jesus Christ with neighbors in her southern India fishing village. Over the years, her efforts have helped form four churches with more than 1,500 Christians.

CBF tsunami relief to continue for two years

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ATLANTA (ABP)—On Dec. 26, 2004, in an instant, a roaring wave and a

rush of water changed life for coastal residents of South Asia. For some, the water took everything—personal belongings, houses, cities, friends and family. More than 225,000 people lost their lives, and those who survived were left with a profound sense of suffering and loss.

Baptist Briefs

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Adams unanimous choice for Illinois Baptist directorship. Illinois native and Southern Baptist missions leader Nate Adams was a search committee's unanimous choice to become the Illinois Baptist State Association's next executive director. The committee will present Adams to the Illinois Baptist executive board at a special called meeting this month. Adams has served the past eight years as vice president of mission mobilization for the North American Mission Board. Prior to joining the mission board, Adams served as corporate vice president of publishing for Christianity Today in Carol Stream, Ill. He has been a bivocational church planter and youth minister in Illinois and interim pastor in Georgia. He has an undergraduate degree in communication from Judson College in Elgin, Ill., and a master's degree in management and human resources from National-Louis University in Evanston. Adams and his wife, Beth, have three sons, Caleb, 17; Noah, 15; and Ethan, 12.

Baptist Health Foundation awards scholarships. Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio and the former Baptist Health Services Foundation awarded 338 scholarships in 2005 to students at the BHS School of Health Professions. The scholarships totaling \$378,744 benefited students enrolled in the school's nursing and allied health educational programs. They were financed through the foundation's unrestricted funds and various donor-restricted funds.

Cooperative Program giving down in 2005. Contributions through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program totaled \$45.4 million in 2005, down 1.8 percent from 2004 receipts, the SBC Executive Committee reported. The total is 95.7 percent of the 2005 budget. Designated gifts in 2005—including disaster relief gifts in the wake of the Gulf Coast hurricanes—totaled close to \$10.6 million, up 2 percent over 2004.

Right or Wrong? A mosque moving in

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Recently, a new structure went up in our neighborhood—a mosque. Should I fear this development?

Some would say the overall relationship between the world of Islam and the "Christian West" has been one of fear for more than 1,200 years. There have been good reasons for that—from both sides of the relationship. Neither Jihad nor Crusade makes for good neighbors.

‘Acts of God’ considered top national/global story

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TOP TEN: Hurricanes Katrina and Rita—and Baptist response to the disasters— comprised the Baptist Standard's top nation/global story in 2005.

'Acts of God' considered top national/global story

By Marv Knox

Editor

A couple of “acts of God” trumped all other events to claim the Baptist Standard's No. 1 national/international Baptist story of 2005.

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By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

ARLINGTON-Fires apparently set by an arsonist on Christmas Eve and in the pre-dawn hours on Christmas caused significant damage to a Mission Arlington building.