

Cartoon

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**“You can't
keep
running
from your
problems.”**

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.

2nd Opinion: Laws can add 'cheerful' to giving

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By Sherre Stephens

It's that time of year—holidays followed by tax time. Did you know that

nearly 94 percent of us wait until the 11th hour to prepare our tax return and ante up what we owe to Uncle Sam?

Perhaps the following tax tips will help you to be among the 6 percent who are not caught unprepared for tax season as 2005 draws to a close:

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<p>Daniel Garza, deputy director of external and intergovernmental affairs for the Bush administration, meets participants at the Hispanic Convocation of the Laity.</p>
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By **Eric Guel**

Texas Baptist Communications

SPICEWOOD-Christians have a unique voice that needs to be heard in government, Daniel Garza, deputy director of external and intergovernmental affairs under President George Bush, told the Hispanic Baptist Convocation of the Laity.

DOWN HOME: Like father, like son

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"You remind me of your daddy," Joanna said the other night.

Now, that's a comparison I like.

My daddy, Marvin Knox, is a straight-up guy, a devoted pastor and committed follower of Jesus Christ. He's also a teacher. He taught me much

about how to be a father by the way he raised my sister, brother and me, and he showed me how to be a husband by the way he's always loved and doted on my mother. Plus, he lived at home the sermons he preached in the pulpit, so he has demonstrated a life of integrity and character.

EDITORIAL: 'Pour out your heart' & fight hunger

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True confession: Before I recently traveled to China with Buckner Orphan Care International, I fretted about going hungry. I'd heard "you don't want to know" the source of meat in many Chinese dishes. I wondered if meals would be appetizing, much less adequate. So, although I could stand to lose a few pounds, I weighed down my suitcase with protein bars, trail mix and nuts. Turns out, we ate wonderfully. With only one exception, the food looked similar to the fare served in nice Chinese restaurants back home. And although I did lose about four pounds, that had more to do with my dexterity with chopsticks than with the quantity and quality of Chinese food.

How off-base and selfish: Leading up to a trip of a lifetime, I wasted energy

thinking about and shopping for transportable food so I could last a little more than a week overseas without feeling a single hunger pang. Maybe I'm willing to tell you this little story because I don't think I'm all that different from most Texas Baptists. We're food-centric. Many of our best get-togethers feature fellowship-hall tables laden with fried chicken, casseroles, home-cooked vegetables, and pies and cakes. We plan trips and visits with friends around where we'll eat.



This time of year, as we look ahead to Thanksgiving and an annual feast with family, Texas Baptists also think about food for others. This is the season when we collect the Texas Baptist Offering for World Hunger. “Pour Out Your Heart” is the theme for this year's offering, and we will do that as we seek to meet the \$800,000 goal.

Photo exhibit raises awareness about homeless

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Holy
Condiments,
from the
photography
exhibit at
Wilshire Baptist
Church. "Both
the spices and
Bible were
found just as
they were
captured in the
photo
underneath the
I-35 bridge,"
said
photographer
Hal Samples.
"Even though
many homeless
people go
without the
luxuries we
take for
granted, I
found it
interesting that
this person
made room in
his makeshift
home for the
two items in
this photograph
that add flavor
in our lives."
(Photo by Hal
Samples)

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By Mark Wingfield

Special to the Baptist Standard

DALLAS-Duane is the reason Hal Samples started photographing homelessness in Dallas.

Hurricane response funds put to use

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

The Baptist General Convention of Texas continues to distribute funds to support Texas Baptists' response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Even intelligent design advocates see problems

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Even intelligent design advocates see problems with policy

By Bill Sulon

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-The Discovery Institute, a leading proponent of intelligent design, warned a Pennsylvania school district now in court that it shouldn't institute a policy on the controversial concept because it could be found unconstitutional.

Movie explores dark days of 'Man in Black'

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By **Dave Urbanski**

Religion News Service

HOLLYWOOD (RNS)-*Walk the Line*, the much-anticipated biopic on Johnny Cash, truthfully records his turbulent early career and his initial romance with wife June Carter Cash.

'Painter of light' offers warm and welcoming images

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Painter Thomas Kinkade talks with a group of fans at the Whitaker Center for the Science and the Arts in Harrisburg, Pa. (Photo by John C. Whitehead/Patriot-News in Harrisburg, Pa./RNS)

'Painter of light' offers warm and welcoming images

By David Dunkle

Religion News Service

MORGAN HILL, Calif. (RNS)-Thomas Kinkade laughs at people who think he doesn't paint much anymore or who believe he doesn't do his own work.

Texas Baptist Forum

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Interesting omission

I found it interesting looking at the list of exhibitors for the upcoming Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting.

What I found even more interesting is who was not listed.

Letters are welcomed. Send them to marvknox@baptiststandard.com ; 250 words maximum.
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Out ((Loud))

"Jesus tells us not to fear those who can destroy the body, but those who can destroy body and soul. And part of the sickness of spirit we feel when confronted with terrorism is that we face people whose souls are damaged, almost destroyed."

Rowan Williams

Archbishop of Canterbury (RNS)

"You are not an accident. Your parents may not have planned you, but God did. He wanted you alive and created you for a purpose. ...

Only in God do we discover our origin, our identity, our meaning, our purpose, our significance, and our destiny."

Rick Warren

Pastor and best-selling author of *The Purpose Driven Life*, quoted on a Starbucks coffee cup (RNS/ USA Today)

"Ooh, it was so much fun. I think I'm alive."

Thomas Rice

Pastor of First Baptist Church in Agawam, Mass., after skydiving to illustrate a sermon on trusting God and overcoming fear (RNS)

"We actually went through two cloud layers. He was closer to God than ever before."

David Strickland

Rice's skydiving instructor (RNS)

Mystery of God only answer for serious evangelicals

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Mystery of God only answer for serious evangelicals

By Jeffrey MacDonald

Religion News Service

WACO (RNS)—As a Baptist preacher, Randall O'Brien knows the Bible says natural disasters can be signs of God's judgment. But he's not preaching anything of the sort, not even in a year marked by earthquakes, floods and hurricanes.