

2nd Opinion: Two things you'll find in heaven

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When you get there, you will not have to look hard to find two things in heaven. And both will make you very happy.

Letters: 'Thanks for Tar Sands Blockade support'

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TEXAS BAPTIST FORUM: What a wonderful thing the pastor and members of Austin Heights Baptist Church in Nacogdoches did for the young people involved with the Tar Sands Blockade (Dec. 3)!

Editorial: Tithing only marks the beginning of stewardship

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Here's a challenge: Publicly declare all Christians should tithe, and then watch what happens.

East Asia: The value of fellowship

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STUDENT MISSIONS BLOG: I have been in East Asia more than four months now, and one thing that I really miss a lot is big group fellowship. I miss having a consistent large weekly meeting where I get to see friends and family.

East Asia: Better than expected

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STUDENT MISSIONS BLOG: A few days before Christmas, I had the opportunity to host a Christmas party here in East Asia.

‘Les Misérables’ and reaching

for grace

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COMMENTARY: The release of Tom Hooper's *Les Misérables* film couldn't have been more timely than at the end of a difficult year.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Coming Soon

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Jesus promises, "I am coming soon." Indeed, these are the words we've been waiting for. Yes, Lord, but when? What restless souls we are.

Commentary: Time for gun owners to lead

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I believe it is time those of us who own guns face some common-sense reality and lead in calling for the enactment of effective gun laws that meet the constitutionality test. Gun owners need to lead the effort to stop these

horrible tragedies.

Commentary: Christian compassion demands care for the mentally ill

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I am convinced that loving my brother who is sick means that I have to find a way to address that illness. This includes my brother who is mentally ill.

Commentary: Christmas in Connecticut

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How can the children who survived the Newtown massacre, the parents of those who died, the teachers, the community or anyone in the nation have Christmas now?

Making history while looking ahead

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EDITORIAL: This is the last printed edition of the *Baptist Standard*. Beginning next month, we're converting the entire newspaper to a state-of-the-art digital edition.

Down Home: She may be 100, but she's young at heart

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Virginia Connally celebrated with family and friends when she turned 100 this month. But even though she has spanned a century, the quality of her life supercedes the quantity of her years.