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GORDONVILLE-Some pastors touting the title "Dr." before their names need a refresher course in ethics, according to a paper awaiting publication in the journal Christian Higher Education.

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The best-laid Valentine's Day plan of this man and his mouse almost got tripped up by our friendly neighborhood mail carrier.

Joanna, my Valentine, called the other day and asked about a certain charge on our credit card bill from one of her favorite stores. Man, I hoped that piece of mail wouldn't come through until after Feb. 14.

Give me credit for trying hard. I began thinking about what to give Jo for Valentine's Day weeks ago. I looked in catalogs and shopped online. I considered a range of possibilities and narrowed my choices. Finally, I settled on The Gift.

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America needs to talk about sex.

“Yeah, right,” you say. “That's all we've been talking about for days, ever since halftime at the Super Bowl, when millions of folks got an eyeful of Janet Jackson's breast. The last thing we need is more talk about sex.”

Well, not exactly.

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Commentators expressed surprise that a student at Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary lost his scholarship because he is gay.

They shouldn't be shocked. The Baptist General Convention of Texas—which counts Baylor among its nine affiliated universities—has not changed its understanding of homosexual activity.

Matt Bass, a Truett student since 2001, lost his scholarship in December,

several months after he told friends he is gay. Seminary students typically receive financial support from Baylor and the BGCT to offset the high cost of tuition. While Bass was not expelled, he left because he could not afford to continue his studies there.

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By Ferrell Foster

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RICHARDSON-In today's postmodern world, "there's a real cry for spiritual mothers and fathers," said John Berryhill, chief director of Emerging Church Network.

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Some Christians adopt a particular people group as the focus of their missions efforts.

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HOUSTON-Churches aren't parent/teacher associations, and they shouldn't try raising funds like them, said Terry Austin, director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas stewardship office.

Bake sales and book drives are not biblical ways for a church to raise money consistently, Austin said during a stewardship summit sponsored by the Christian Stewardship Association in partnership with the BGCT.

Congregations need to teach and practice biblical stewardship, Austin continued. Asking Christians to give their money and time is teaching them to obey the Bible.

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Graham plans Kansas City 'Heart of America' crusade

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—Evangelist Billy Graham will conduct a crusade in Kansas City, Mo., June 17-20 at Arrowhead Stadium, officials with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association announced Jan. 8.

Billed as “The Heart of America Billy Graham Crusade,” it will mark the third time Graham has conducted such an event in Kansas City, the last being in 1978.

Graham and the BGEA team are coming “in fear and trembling and in weakness, but with great joy and dependence upon the Holy Spirit,” said Cliff Barrows, Graham's longtime associate and song leader who spoke at the news conference attended by several hundred media, area pastors and lay leaders.