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RICHARDSON — Developing relationships with non-believers is the crucial beginning point in evangelizing people in today's postmodern culture, said author and teacher Calvin Miller.

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RICHARDSON God is calling all Texas Baptists to evangelize non-Christians around the world, according to vocational evangelist Ronnie Hill of Fort Worth.

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RICHARDSON Sharing the gospel begins long before meeting non-Christians, according to Debra Hochgraber, consultant for the Baptist General Convention of Texas Center for Strategic Evangelism.

Prayer lays the groundwork for non-Christians to be receptive to the gospel, she said during a breakout session at the Texas Evangelism and Missions Conference.

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Petitioning God can help Christians know who are the unbelievers around

them, Hochgraber said.

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RICHARDSON—Small churches become motivated for evangelism when leaders help members shift the focus from visiting prospects to building relationships, according to a Bob Ray, director of bivocational and small church development with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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RICHARDSON Many churches in transitional communities become open to transformation only when the fear of death becomes greater than the fear of change, according to Jim Young, director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Missions Equipping Center.

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EDITORIAL:

Election year provides time to talk religion & politics

“Conventional wisdom” suggests people aren't supposed to discuss religion and politics in polite company. Of course, Baptists regularly break the first half of that admonition. Talking about religion-or, more precisely, faith-comes as naturally as discussing the weather, the latest ball game or the price of cattle for most Texas Baptists. But when the topics of religion and politics come up at the same time, the task of talking turns touchy. Taken together, religion and politics comprise a combustible mix.

So, strap on your earmuffs of righteousness, sisters and brothers; 2004 looks like an explosive year.

To begin with, the incumbent president has not been shy about discussing his faith since Jesus saved and sobered him years ago. One of the Democratic candidates has been comfortable talking about his beliefs since he was a boy growing up in a Jewish home. And another recently renounced his Yankee reticence in pursuit of the Bubba vote, figuring God-talk could unleash the Dixie electorate.

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