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Like a blank screen on which people project their own ideas, blended worship has become a catchall term that defies easy definition.

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The band at Bull Creek Cowboy Church in Lone Oak shares a gospel message delivered to a familiar country tune.Photo by George Henson

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LONE OAK-Many western heritage or cowboy churches are taking a page from history and converting the tunes of the barroom for use in the church house.

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WACO-Critics of separate contemporary and traditional worship services maintain they result in distinct congregations meeting under the same steeple, but a Baylor University music professor insists that's not necessarily a bad choice.

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The difference between a new master of arts in worship leadership at Dallas Baptist University and any other ministry degree is a focus on worship from a theological, pastoral and practical perspective, university officials agreed.

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WACO-Culture wars threaten to divide churches in ways that make worship wars pale in comparison, but at the same time, they unite some Christians across denominational lines, a Baylor University professor observed.

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With contemporary Christian recording artists like Jars of Clay and MercyMe's Bart Millard recording hymn collections, some observers of worship trends have asked if hymns are ready to stage a comeback in churches.

Finding our voice_72505

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Each congregation encouraged to discover its own voice

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WACO-Churches can defuse worship wars by learning to recognize their own voice, a Baptist university professor and a minister of music agree.

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July 16 has been circled on our family calendar for many weeks now. It's not the date for our family vacation or the birthday of one of our five children. It's not a swim meet or a recital or a ball game. July 16 is the publication date for the sixth Harry Potter book, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, and folks around our house are pretty excited.

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EL PASO—A new grocery store opened in El Paso, but it's not in business to make money. Its goal is to provide job training for women who seek to turn their lives around.