

Editorial: A shout out to bivocational ministers

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For Pastor Appreciation Month, I'm giving a shout out to bivocational ministers—men and women. You amaze me.

Equip: How to grow up

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Kendall Lyons considers Paul's teaching, contained in 1 Corinthians 13, about how love means growing up in Christ.

Commentary: Idols and Christian nationalism, Part 1

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Nick Acker puts a magnifying glass up to Christian nationalism and the state, examining them in the light of Scripture and the church.

Commentary: Tensions in Baptist identity, Part 1

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Wade Berry examines components of Baptist identity, asking hard questions about their biblical basis and their consequences today.

Equip: Resources on the Books of 2 Peter and Jude

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Pastor and scholar David Ritsema recommends resources for studying the short New Testament books of 2 Peter and Jude.

Editorial: Tony Evans, Robert

Morris and restoration

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Two Dallas-area megachurch pastors who made the news during the last week give us a chance to think about how we respond when pastors sin.

Voices: The broken cord of truth

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"I am not writing about my truth or your truth. There is no such subjective thing. There is only the truth," Johnny Teague declares.

Equip: A dangerous pastoral prayer: Soft heart, tough skin

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To provide good spiritual care, pastors need a soft heart and tough skin, but those won't come easy, Pastor John Crowder says.

Voices: It takes a community to serve a community

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Stacy Conner points to the shared ministry of funerals as an example of how the body of Christ puts the gospel into action.

Equip: Resources on the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah

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Daniel Camp suggests resources on the historical and related Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah, often considered together.

Voices: Going the distance in

the pastoral life

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Ron Cook, veteran pastor and professor of pastoral ministry, shares what brought him to ministry and held him fast for the long haul.

Letter: Only two-thirds of U.S. Christians believe all have sinned

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A Baptist Standard reader responds to a report on Barna survey results showing only 66 percent of Christians believe all people have sinned.