

# Season of sadness

October 10, 2009

This is a deeply sad time for Texas Baptists, and particularly for First Baptist Church in Corsicana, whose pastor, David Edwards, died Oct. 9.

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# Fourth quarter

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When asked how Texas Baptists' Texas Hope 2010 ministry/evangelism endeavor is going, Executive Director Randel Everett pulled out a spot-on metaphor.

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# God bless mentors

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Thank God for mentors—those human angels who come alongside young people and offer the blessed benefits of their gifts, experience, wisdom and maturity.

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# Lying for Jesus?

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Should missionaries lie to foreign governments and deceive people in order to advance the gospel?

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# Longing for Sabbath

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I've always found "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" to be the toughest of the Ten Commandments. And yet, just maybe, it promises the most.

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# The Holy what?

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Do Baptists REALLY believe in the Holy Spirit? And is that failure to believe the reason we're so powerless?

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# Faith & volunteerism

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What's the best source for volunteers in America? Go ahead, make a guess.

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# Undoing the holy

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The relatively new practice of de-baptizing seems like a goofy trend. But it points to some serious issues.

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# Think for yourself

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So, why doesn't the *Baptist Standard* tell you the "correct" position on every article we publish? We respect you too much for that.

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# **Fear, prayer & faith**

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I don't know how prayer works. But I know I can't quit praying.

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# **Baptist reunification?**

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"Will the Baptist conventions come back together?" my father-in-law asked over Sunday lunch.

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# **Church/state neighbors**

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Robert Frost's 1914 poem "Mending Wall" repeats a line of wisdom passed down from generation to generation: "Good fences make good neighbors." And that's good advice for both church and state.