

Baptist Standard receives national recognition

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The *Baptist Standard* won awards from two national press organizations for its work in 2020, including “best of class” recognition and an “award of excellence” from the Associated Church Press in the independent website category.

The *Standard* also received a “award of merit” from the Associated Church Press in the “editorial/opinion: news service/website/blog” category for a May 8 article by Trent Richardson, [“Voices: Am I worth fighting for?”](#)

Richardson, who was a student ministry intern at Valley Ranch Baptist Church in Coppell, wrote the article in the immediate aftermath of the death of Ahmaud Arbery, a 25-year-old Black man, who was pursued and fatally shot while jogging near his home in Georgia. Richardson described his own experiences of being unjustly profiled because he is a young Black man.

“So long as the church stays silent, she has the blood of Black men and women on her hands,” he wrote.

In an awards competition sponsored by the Evangelical Press Association, the *Baptist Standard* received an “award of merit” in the “denominational publication: digital” category.

The “Justice looks like...” opinion articles received a “higher goals” award in the “standing column” category.

Specifically, the judges evaluated [“Voices: Justice looks like making things right”](#) by Pastor John D. Ogletree of First Metropolitan Church in Houston

and ["Voices: Justice through the eyes of an Arab Israeli Christian"](#) by "R.E.," who works as a cross-cultural mobilizer with Texas Baptists and whose full name is withheld for security reasons.