

EDITORIAL: Raise 'a new generation of pastors'

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We aren't producing enough pastors to meet the current demand, much less providing qualified pastors to start hundreds of churches we must plant in the next few years, according to Texas Baptist Executive Director David Hardage.

EDITORIAL: Hope, despair & glimpses of God

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In the Old Testament, despair devours people who forsake God. In *Pilgrim's Progress*, Giant Despair murders Christians. When we despair, we fail to see God at work on the horizon around us.

EDITORIAL: Why not deflect

hostility with love?

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Do you think Americans despise religion, and particularly Christianity? That's the assessment of the new "Survey of Religious Hostility in America."

EDITORIAL: Faith: Compartmental or consistent?

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The candidates for vice president of the United States provide case studies in how Christians compartmentalize their faith. When they—and we—allow this to happen, expediency engulfs ethics; pragmatism pummels principle.

EDITORIAL: Life, assault weapons & consistency

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Why do so many people who take a pro-life position on abortion take an anti-life position on possession of firearms designed to execute multiple victims in mere seconds?

EDITORIAL: The 'God particle' & the Creator

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Unless you've been sucked into a black hole, you've heard of the Higgs boson. Raise your hand if, when you first saw "the God particle" in a headline, you plowed into the story to see if scientists had discovered a subatomic something that explains and/or verifies the existence of God. Me, too.

EDITORIAL: Workers join God in co-creation

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Is Monday your best or worst day of the week? Either answer isn't good if you're trying to lead a God-centered life.

Editorial: A possibility for immigration reform

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Gridlock has become the metaphor for 21st century America. Fortunately, Americans of faith and goodwill have taken significant action toward unsnarling an ideological intersection that has been gridlocked for years—immigration reform.

EDITORIAL: Stress test: Rereading Matthew 25

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In this issue of the *Standard*, we take the "Matthew 25 Test." How well are churches feeding the hungry and thirsty, welcoming the strangers, clothing the naked, mending the sick and ministering to people in prison?

EDITORIAL: Why I stopped

urging, 'Take care'

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For several years, I closed emails with "Take care." But "take care" is lousy advice and even worse theology.

EDITORIAL: Pull the switch on the death penalty

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Gov. Rick Perry should place a moratorium on executions, and the next session of the Texas Legislature should vote to abolish the death penalty.

EDITORIAL: Did God really tell you to do that?

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How should we—finite human beings—determine, much less claim, the will of infinite God Almighty?