

Letter: Editorial: What is the BGCT? Show up to shape it

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Kevin Burrow responds to Editor Eric Black's editorial to point out a needed clarification, and Black responds.

Letter: Mistake to lionize Charlie Kirk

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It will be a huge mistake if Florida state lawmakers pass a bill requiring all of Florida's public state universities and colleges to rename one roadway on their campuses after the assassinated conservative activist Charlie Kirk.

The party of Trump and Turning Point USA are portraying Kirk as a righteous martyr. From 2015 to 2024, Kirk used God (Jesus) and Holy Scripture to win votes for an immoral, greedy, autocratic politician, Donald Trump.

God is not fooled when we use God (Jesus) to promote our selfish pursuits of taking our country down the wide road of white Christian nationalism. God doesn't choose our political leaders. In a democracy, we the people elect them.

It is wrong to lionize Charlie Kirk. Kirk should not have been assassinated.

It was an evil act that took his life. No one should celebrate his death. Everyone can pray for and empathize with Kirk's wife and two young children. May we do so.

Paul Whiteley Sr.

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Letter: Faith misused in Gaza's destruction

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A Baptist Standard reader states his opinion about the use of faith to justify the destruction and devastation of Gaza.

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.

Letter: A call to heed Paul's instruction on vengeance

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A Baptist Standard reader urges President Donald Trump and his supporters to read Paul's instruction on vengeance.

Letter: Shocked and saddened

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A reader is "shocked and saddened" by the recent Voices article, "Sad for Texas Baptists."

Letter: Praying to whom?

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A Baptist Standard reader responds to an article where an individual speaks on praying to the "power of love".

Letter: Circus tent or revival tent?

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Nathan Feinberg, pastor of Adamsville Baptist Church in Lampasas, responds to a Voices article by David Currie.

Letter: Pastors Open Letter

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Texas Baptist church leaders signed a letter of support for Baylor following their decision to return a grant for the study of the “disenfranchisement and exclusion of LGBTQIA + individuals and women” in churches.

Letter: Baylor Rejection of LGBTQ+ Grant

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Two readers respond to Baylor’s rejection of a grant to the Diana Garland

School of Social Work from the John and Eula Mae Baugh Foundation.

Letter: Letters: Editorial on SBC attendance

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RE: Letters: Editorial on SBC attendance

I just read the letter to the editor responding to [Editorial: Tiny fraction of Baptists deciding for the whole](#).

Just to add to the numbers, I would note the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting held in Dallas, Texas, June 11-13, 1985, had more than 45,000 messengers gathered, and I was there. Probably the highest percentage representation, as well, but too many people and therefore too unwieldy a meeting.

David Appleby

Port Neches, Texas

For many years, those in church leadership have discussed—bemoaned—the number of people who participate in local church, associational and convention decision-making. Not

many people do, and it's been that way just about everywhere for a long time.

As I've interacted with people in person, by email and via social media since publishing [my editorial response](#) to the 2025 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Dallas, some of us have discussed reasons for the low involvement.

In one Facebook comment thread, I asked "why don't more of those [Southern Baptists] who disagree [with positions being pushed during SBC annual meetings] come to the conventions as messengers and make their position known as clearly as those [with whom they disagree]."

The commenter responded, "Because most people work ..." I heard this as a former pastor used to people thinking pastors only work on Sundays, and only about 30 minutes at that.

But the commenter continued: "Because most people work, have other things to do, or just go on about their life, don't feel that the convention affects their church directly, ... because a lot of people feel it's not that big of a deal or don't realize the long-term impact."

To David Appleby's and Dustin Slaton's point, if all possible messengers showed up at an SBC annual meeting *and voted*, the SBC would need a different way of counting votes other than a visual "Yeah, that looks like a majority to me" count of raised ballots.

And to what I take to be the Facebook commenter's point—and one of the points I've made many times over many years, what reason do more potential messengers have to make the sacrifice or investment to attend meetings and to vote? The majority are telling us by their absence they don't have a good enough reason to go to the

meetings.

Letters: Editorial on SBC attendance; Filthy language

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One Baptist Standard reader responds to an editorial by Editor Eric Black. Another expresses his opinion about coarse and vulgar language.