## Letter: Voices: My view of the 2024 SBC annual meeting

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If you spend 40-plus years shrinking the "tent," with no real experience with a "big tent" denomination, I can understand how one could believe they attended a convention where the tent was big.

Sadly, it has become a small tent with only a few who qualify for admission. Compare the old circus tent to a funeral-home tent to shade a graveside service. That is really where the SBC is today.

I can appreciate Mike Miller's pleasure with the convention, because over time, all the riffraff are gone, leaving only those who want to quibble over "how complementarian are you?"

Were the women who did not abandon Jesus at the cross simply "women ministers?" Or the women simply children's ministers who came to the empty tomb to anoint the body of Jesus but were the first to witness the resurrection and then charged with gathering and telling the disciples who were not there?

If my reading of Scripture is correct, these women were the first to be commanded to "go and tell" (Matthew 28:10). Apparently, the resurrected Christ was not so concerned about who could do the heavy lifting as much as he was focused on getting the good news out. So, today's SBC is shrinking and excluding. That is the reality of today.

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