

Letters: BGCT on women in ministry, BJC on Christian nationalism

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RE: [Editorial: Ensure women in ministry is not a test of fellowship here](#)

Sadly, one must search for any discussion of “women in ministry” on the Baptist General Convention of Texas [website](#) now. That topic was on the opening page in years past when the BGCT was not concerned about losing churches to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

More importantly, I cannot find any mention on the website of women serving as ministers of any kind or of Baptist Women in Ministry headed by Meredith Stone. There is a section called “[Women’s Ministry](#)” under the [Center for Church Health](#), but it only talks about churches having ministries dealing with women in the church.

I am reasonably certain earlier websites had specific discussion of women serving as ministers, broadly defined, but did not say directly women could be pastors. It left the issue open, but it did not limit the discussion to ministering to women church members.

One of my favorite stories was when Truett Seminary began including women seminary students in the list of supply preachers.

A small church asked for a preacher to fill in after it lost its pastor. When a young woman showed up, the church leaders huddled to decide what to do and agreed, since she had come all the way to the church to preach, they would let her do so. After her first sermon, they asked if she could come back the next Sunday. She did for several weeks until they finally called her

to become their senior pastor.

When a woman is called by God to be a pastor, I think men need not tell her she is mistaken about what God has called her to do. That should be between her and God, and any church who wants to call her to be its pastor.

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RE: [BJC chief links Christian nationalism to white supremacy](#)

Amanda Tyler, who professes to defend religious liberty, seems to me does not defend the liberties of those she opposes. To sit before a government committee and testify against Christian nationalists is not defending their liberty but attacking it.

Few, I'm afraid, may pass her religious test.

It has taken me a while to cool down enough to respond to her insult to my Baptist beliefs and American roots, which she, in my opinion, doesn't represent.

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