

# Letters: LifeWay, Glorieta 2.0 unfair to homeowners

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I find it disturbing that LifeWay Christian Resources and Glorieta 2.0 are hurting these homeowners.

This paragraph in [the news article](#) also disturbs me: “Glorieta 2.0 gave leaseholders three options regarding their houses—accept a \$30 per square foot buyout, with a minimum \$40,000 and maximum \$100,000 payment, regardless of appraised value; enter a new 12-year lease, with the understanding that at the end of the lease, the building would go to Glorieta 2.0 for no compensation; or donate the building to Glorieta 2.0.”

Really? Both Glorieta and LifeWay, in my opinion, are not acting as Christ would do in this situation. Even with the law on their side, they should not financially hurt their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Obviously, they read a different Bible than I do. The Lord God I worship would do the right thing and be fair with all people. I don’t see that their offer to the homeowners is right or fair.

Marilyn Bick

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## **Glorieta: ‘Legal’ does not equal ‘ethical’**

Regarding [the Glorieta issue](#), what is “legally” acceptable is not necessarily “ethically” acceptable.

It is difficult to understand how the Southern Baptist Convention can treat fellow Baptists so poorly. It makes me ashamed to be a Southern Baptist,

and I want none of my church contributions to go to the SBC.

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### **Christ is our Sabbath**

I grew up in a tiny Southern Baptist Church in West Texas. My dad was a deacon, and we were there twice Sunday and on Wednesday night for prayer meeting. Jesus sought me out and saved me in that little church when I was less than 10. I cherish that experience, and he has faithfully lead, pushed, carried and rolled me to this day sixty years later.

But along the way I also learned from him that he (Christ) is the Sabbath. He is our “day” of rest in Christ.

Paul says in Colossians 2:16-17, “Therefore, let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day—things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.”

Hebrews 4 tells us about the believer’s rest in Christ, and verses 9-10 say: “There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered his rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did his.”

Paul is telling us that because Christ is our Sabbath rest, God has placed us in Christ (see I Corinthians 1:30), and we rest in him, and from our own works to try to earn his approval. When we do work, it is from our rest in his power—the true Sabbath.

I was at [the Baylor-SMU game](#) on a Sunday night.

Danny Wash

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### **Glorieta 2.0 is a 'godsend'**

Funny. Most see the wonderful and sorely needed [improvements to Glorieta 2.0](#), witness the leadership share their great love for Jesus, and see the thousands of young people grow closer to Jesus through this ministry.

Glorieta 2.0 is a Godsend to Glorieta and the rest of us.

Jennifer Brenner

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### **Glorieta: Perception or justice?**

I agree with [the letters](#) that say Lifeway and Glorieta 2.0 were unfair to homeowners.

Yet notice that the Lifeway president [emphasized](#) the courts made it clear LifeWay did nothing wrong. Is the image of a denomination or corporation more important than what Jesus taught?

Too much in religious life is about image and public perception—too little about true, even sacrificial justice and fairness.

God will judge right and wrong in regard to Glorieta homeowners,

Additionally, a worrisome problem I am noticing is that Baptists really have no way of expressing their collective or majority will on matters which do not come to a vote before the convention. You may argue that we vote for trustees, but trustees, though approved by the messengers—most of whom do not know them—are loyal first to the corporation. They are not representatives of the Baptist people.

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