

Letters: Thank you, Marv; We need a mix of churches

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Well-wishes for Marv Knox

As one Texas Baptist, I thank you and the Standard staff for your outstanding coverage of news of churches, institutions of higher learning, pastors, staffers and individuals. Your legacy will live on for many years. Blessings on those who will take on your responsibility in the years to come!

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Feel like the wind got knocked out of me as I read about Marv Knox. So thankful for his past leadership. We will miss Mr. Knox, but hey Baptist Standard: Go get 'em!

*Ken Ansell
Rockdale, Texas*

Ever since the opportunity of having Marv Knox in one of my classes at HSU, I have been grateful to our Lord for the privilege following how God has used him in marvelous and magnificent ways. I'm confident that this will continue. You have the earnest prayers of my wife and me as you search for His replacement.

Julian and Charlotte Bridges
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More, different churches and less tech

Two stories jumped out at me, and the points that come to my mind are the necessity of a good mix of types of churches to address the needs of all in the family of Christ and how to maintain the overall unity of the body of Christ. Those two stories are "[Bryant Lee: A heart to plant dozens of neighborhood churches](#)" and "[Voices: Will we become cyborg Christians?](#)"

I am a big fan of small churches because there is great potential of creating a true, multi-generational family atmosphere that I feel reflects God's intention for the church. Many like the mega-churches with the multitude of programs and opportunities, and they do have their place in the scheme of things. But too often, the senior pastor becomes a distant celebrity figure, and individuals and families can become lost in the shuffle with unmet needs.

I also think more needs to be addressed, and quickly, regarding technology. The principle behind not making distinctions between the rich man and poor man should also be applied to the techie and the non-techie. Communication, along with time gathered together, may be key. It is too easy to fall into our own most comfortable form of communication, and an effort must be made to practice all forms of verbal and visual communication in the appropriate languages to keep the dialogue open and going.

Mutual respect and love for each member should be the goal. I don't think Jesus died so that everyone could be converted to Facebook. Helping individuals who are both unique and yet similar get along is not an easy

task, but frequent communication and time spent together certainly help. Then people with communal ties and feedback will be less likely to make poor decisions or try to dominate or exclude others when it comes to big issues that affect everyone.

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Constitutional guarantee

Under One God is a moot point. Our Constitution guarantees Freedom of Religion. The responses to your editorial addresses Religion vs. Science & atheism.

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