

Texas Baptist Forum

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CP 'assassination'

The Southern Baptist Convention's [Great Commission Task Force report](#), like Brutus with Caesar, shows up late and then praises our Cooperative Program before assassinating it. The report removes all incentive for a church to give through the Cooperative Program, leaving it (if adopted) high and dry.

Our SBC Cooperative Program is right now God's one-and-only winning strategy for the whole world and is 100 percent Great Commission giving! It needs one improvement—our vigorous, sustained giving! The task force report strikes at the local church, where all funding begins. We already are under attack from modern America's secular-socialist taxation. Atheist culture blasts us daily against God and the gospel.

To survive financially, a church sometimes fails to give through the Cooperative Program. Now comes this Great Commission Task Force report with a fatal blow. Instead of pooling with churches nationwide, we are to send our own members on mini-mission trips overseas—at immense cost for airfare—where they don't know the language and make our career missionaries their interpreters and nursemaids.

This is "so long" to winning the world and painful "goodbye" to Southern Baptist churches in our northern and western states. Our Cooperative Program is God's greatest victory in all of history. I have loved my 80 years on earth as a lay-warrior for it.

Let's deep-six the GCTF report and get back to storming the walls of the impossible through God's One-and-Only to Whom all power in heaven and on earth has been given.

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Sound doctrine

“So different and so much in common”—your editorial about the Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist General Convention of Texas and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship—hit the nail squarely on the head ([May 10](#)).

The paragraph declaring that all three groups have abandoned their first love is meaningful to me.

I am a 78-year-old layman, a longtime active member of a SBC/BGCT church. I am certainly no theologian, but I do study my Bible. By my untrained eye, we are somewhat in the same situation as the church in Crete when the Apostle Paul sent Titus to straighten them out.

Titus 2:1, while very short, notes the necessity of sound doctrine—good teaching. Study of this verse indicates sound doctrine and its sound study and application by Christians is vital to our faith.

I don't find sound doctrine being held up to us from pulpits, Sunday school, Bible study (How long has it been since we had a January Bible Study?), etc.

Oh, yes, we give it lip service. But we don't get “vaccinated” with it as in years past.

Art Hodge

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Special needs

Thank you for the articles regarding churches' ministries to people with special needs ([May 24](#)). I do hope lots of people will read them.

Most churches need to have an area set aside for the "special" children. A parent with a "special" child needs a church home and Christian friends more than a normal person. I cannot understand why more churches do not provide an area and a trained attendant for these children.

I have known only a few ministers who knew how to approach a "special" child. If you do profess to be a Christian, why not stop and greet the "special" child you see?

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