

Editorial: How we should respond to this election

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How we as Christians are to respond to the election isn't determined by who won it, but is governed by a greater and higher law.

Letter: Voices: Silent on Sunday, manager on Monday

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RE: [Voices: Silent on Sunday, manager on Monday](#)

The main thrust I gleaned from Ms. Lukefahr's opinion piece is it seems unfair women can run a boardroom but not a church, because the Southern Baptist Convention has made clear they cannot be pastors.

Lukefahr notes: "Secular employers increasingly embrace diversity and champion gender equality for all positions of authority. Apple, for example, commits to 'inclusion that reflects the world around us' and publicly posts statistics for accountability."

The lament, it seems, is that SBC churches fail to focus on equality of

opportunities like Apple does. Yet, the church does not exist to commit itself to the changing cultural landscape. I am unsure if Ms. Lukefahr has recently looked at “the world around us,” but it seems abysmally outside the confines of God’s desires.

To argue Apple—or any of the corporations that slap a rainbow veneer over their corporate logo in June—are the stalwarts of moral and social progress concerns me greatly, coming from another Christian voice.

Discussions of church polity and who is or is not qualified should rest on the weight of Scripture. Yet, what was presented was an argument from the surrounding culture. That is no argument at all.

Our surrounding culture overwhelmingly affirms abortion as a right, marriage as anything that goes, and gender as a construct rather than something designed by God, binary in its nature and determined based on the organs one is born with. The culture cannot even manage itself, let alone the complexities of God’s expression of himself and his kingdom today.

The slope is steep and slippery if your theology relies first on your sociology. We can debate Paul’s writings from within, but never whether the culture can speak into Christ’s church from without.

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Commentary: Child abuse prevention is a doctrinal issue

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A combination of bad actors and negligence has allowed worship spaces to become unsafe sanctuaries for children, George H. Trudeau explains.

Voices: Why Christians should pray for the president

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Will we rise above political affiliations to embody what it means to be a Christian in a divided society? Prayer is one way we can.

Voices: Silent on Sunday, manager on Monday

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“Women encounter disorienting differences between their Baptist churches on Sunday and their workplaces on Monday.”

Editorial: Pastor, your work will outlive you

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To know your faithful labor in service of God's call will live beyond your ministry is great encouragement to a beleaguered pastor.

Voices: Synonymous thinking and church-state separation

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Leon Blevins cautions against the fallacy of thinking the church and the state are synonymous and champions church-state separation.

Voices: Ben finds a home

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Ben needed more than a handout. He needed advocates and a network. Baptist Temple in San Antonio took up the challenge.

Editorial: How far does church-state separation go?

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If church-state separation means neither exert authority or control over the other, what amount of influence rises to a breach of separation?

Letters: Voting, Baptist identity and responding to letters

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Baptist Standard readers express their views on voting, an editorial by Editor Eric Black, and other letters to the editor.

Voices: Love should prod us to

proclaim Christ

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Of all the bad choices a loved one can make, the most serious and devastating is not to believe in Christ, Joshua Sharp contends.

Voices: Christian unity and humility

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Wade Berry calls for a humility that balances the responsibility to follow God's call with the need to trust God for the results.