

IF WE'RE SHOUTING, WHY CAN'T THE LOST HEAR US?

The answer lies in determining if we have truly been sharing the word of God or shouting among ourselves. Eleven million of our Texas neighbors are not committed to any faith of any kind. Unfortunately, the ongoing internal struggle in Baptist life is a cause for many of those millions, who could open their hearts to Jesus, to turn away.

We must sustain our Baptist integrity while increasing our evangelism efforts to lead the unchurched to salvation.


Evangelism is at the heart of who we are as Baptists; we want to reach out to others. And no one institution does more for evangelism than the Baptist General Convention of Texas. In 2000, Texas Baptists baptized 64,943 people, added 252 new congregations, saw over 1,231 churches involved in youth events, recorded 328 professions of faith through our human welfare institutions and started 466 new Bible classes. Although that's only a partial list, it's proof positive that the lives of so many have been forever touched. There are many who might not have experienced Jesus and his word had it not been for your generous gifts to the BGCT. Let's not allow others to distract us from the Great Commission. Only your continued support of the BGCT can provide hope for those 11 million Texans who need the grace of God the most.

We believe in the evangelism ministries of the Baptist General Convention of Texas - so much, that we've endorsed these words with our names. We are weary of SBC leaders recommending that you decrease support for these programs. Our state is growing, and the number of lost is growing as well. Texas needs your support more than ever.

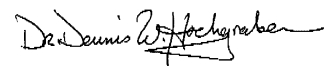
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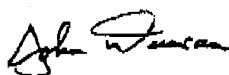
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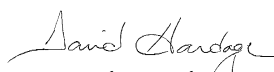
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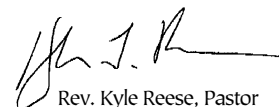
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