

# **Leading the black church: Can it be a woman's place?**

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Black women activists say change is long overdue in their struggle for equal opportunities in their church. But like many evangelical churches, many individual black congregations still ban female clergy. And even among churches that accept women ministers, it is rare for a woman to be a senior pastor.

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# **Documentary on Christians and porn to have TV premiere**

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A television documentary that shines a light on the problem of pornography addiction among Christians premieres Sunday, Nov. 30, and again Dec. 7 on the ION Television Network, formerly PAX TV.

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# **Family tradition allows game**

# **maker to give thanks, give to ministry**

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Louie Stotz says his Thanksgiving board game can add some reality to holiday get togethers through "thanksgiving, thanks-guessing and thanks-sharing."

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# **Three decades later, memories of Jonestown tragedy linger**

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Names of members of Peoples Temple who died at the Jonestown mass suicide in 1977 will be unveiled on a memorial and read aloud during a "Speaking Their Names" ceremony to mark the event Nov. 18 at the Jewish Community Center in San Francisco.

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# **Faith Digest: Atheists launch**

# **bus ads**

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Beginning Nov. 18, holiday ads from the American Humanist Association will appear on Washington, D.C., buses, declaring: "Why believe in a god? Just be good for goodness' sake."

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# **Cinema churches bring the gospel to media-savvy non-Christians**

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National Community Church in Washington, D. C. call a movie theater home.

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# **Atheists want probe of religion in military**

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A national atheist lobbying group is calling on President-elect Barack Obama to overhaul military policies in an effort to reduce what it sees as

religious discrimination in the armed forces.

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## **Author explores paradoxes of Puritan America**

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Sarah Vowell' book *The Wordy Shipmates* compares and contrasts early American Puritans like John Winthrop with breakaway figures like Roger Williams.

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## **Not all belief in paranormal phenomena is created equal**

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For some Americans, ghosts, Bigfoot and UFOs aren't the stuff of tabloid teasers or X-Files reruns. They believe paranormal phenomena are real—as real as a resurrected Jesus and a devious Satan are to millions.

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# **Obama victory signals shift, but social conservatives still score wins**

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All religious groups shifted toward Barack Obama, the candidate opposed by the Religious Right's leadership, in his historic presidential win. Still, religious conservatives managed a few victories.

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# **Chaplains counsel patience as General Motors downsizes**

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Two volunteer chaplains try to tend to the emotional and spiritual problems of 1,500 fellow workers at a General Motors plant in Michigan following an announcement it will close by December 2009.

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# **Faith Digest: Religious hate**

# **crimes dropped last year**

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Hate crimes directed against people on the basis of religion decreased in 2007, according to the FBI.