

Abuse survivors struggle with loss of faith, confidence

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It's been 23 years since Diane Bach left the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries compound in Arkansas, but she still struggles to make decisions for herself.

Father, Son & Who?

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Baptists profess to believe in the Trinity. But through history, some Baptist branches have leaned toward a form of Unitarianism, sometimes centered on the Creator and often focused on Jesus.

Baptist hymnody largely settles for two out of three in Trinity

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Hymns sung in most Baptist churches historically have been "More About Jesus" than about either God the Father or the Holy Spirit, several church music experts agree.

Charismatic Southern Baptist churches see themselves as open to spiritual gifts

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Ron Phillips, pastor of a charismatic Baptist church in Chattanooga, Tenn., thinks many SBC churches are more interested in appearing mainstream and acceptable to the intelligentsia than in being true to Baptists' free-church tradition.

Trinity debate trickles down to gender roles

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There's a tempest brewing among evangelical theologians about the triune nature of God, with potential to spill beyond academic halls into relationships between males and females in the church and home.

An interfaith church where Christians are not in charge

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Faith House Manhattan is a church where Christians are not in charge, pastor Samir Selmanovic, a Seventh-day Adventist.

Faith Digest: Literalists less likely to vote for minority

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Whites who interpret the Bible literally or who worship in an all-white congregation would be less likely to vote for a racial minority candidate for president, according to a recent survey by Baylor University's Institute for Studies of Religion.

Constitution aside, why should churches avoid partisanship?

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Is church endorsement of political candidates a good idea from either a

civic or theological perspective?

Francis Schaeffer's son says his father wouldn't recognize the movement he birthed

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Francis Schaeffer's Christian moral philosophy has been perverted into a purely political movement that is "essentially the heart and soul of the Republican party," says his son, Frank Schaeffer.

Religious "test" for public office? Yes and no

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American Christians may pledge loyalty to the U.S. Constitution. But behind the closed curtain of the polling booth, many violate the spirit of the constitutional prohibition on any religious test for public office. And several church-state experts insist that's not altogether bad—up to a point.

Hot-button culture war issues not so hot for young evangelicals, study shows

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A large study of religious Americans suggests white evangelicals' views on gay rights may be shifting to the left.

Report calls U.S. church giving "lukewarm"

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The total portion of per capita income given to churches in 2006 was lower than in the worst year of the Great Depression, according to a survey by empty tomb inc.