

# **Faith Digest: AFA ends McDonald's boycott**

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The American Family Association has dropped its boycott of McDonald's after learning a representative of the restaurant chain no longer serves on the board of the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.

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# **Churches try to meet need of developmentally challenged kids**

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Across the country, new programs and resources are being made available to families with special-needs children. LifeWay Christian Resources, the Southern Baptist publisher, introduced a Bible study curriculum called "Special Buddies" last fall.

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# **Counselor: Digital age poses pastoral challenges to church**

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A mother and son were estranged. She demanded his password for a social-networking website to make sure he wasn't doing anything untoward. He refused because he felt it invaded his privacy. With such an impasse on his mind, Chris Hammon asked a group of fellow counselors what they were doing with pastoral-care issues related to social networking.

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# **At an African-American church, a woman's hat is never just a hat**

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In African-American church culture, fancy hats aren't just something women wear to church on Sunday, they're "crowns" of respect.

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# **Catholic views on abortion, gay marriage depend on frequency of church attendance**

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U.S. Catholic voters are split on the issues of abortion and same-sex marriage between those who attend church at least twice a month and those who attend church less often, according to a new survey by the Knights of Columbus.

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## **“Values” distinguish both candidates and voters**

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“Values voters”—a term popularized by conservative evangelicals after the 2004 elections—may bring a wide array of values to the polls. Here’s a rundown of the two presidential candidates’ views.

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# **Analysis: ‘Thou shalt not bear false witness’ unless it’s in a campaign ad**

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Distortions, stretches, half-truths and omissions are familiar features of political campaigns. But independent fact-checkers and analysts say outright falsehoods in candidates’ ads may be reaching a level not seen since TV commercials entered presidential politics more than a half-century ago.

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# **Dads create clean, Christian version of MySpace**

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Two Alabama dads couldn't find a safe place on the Internet for their kids to do social networking. So they created [www.christianspaceonline.com](http://www.christianspaceonline.com).

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# **Megachurches experience growth through multiple satellite locations**

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Megachurches known for big buildings, big schools and big crowds continue to grow. But a new study detects shifts in the way they are expanding.

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# **FAITH DIGEST: Disputed dinner fails to deliver dialogue**

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Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad dined with 300 religious and political leaders in New York, but the controversial event offered far less dialogue than advertised.

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# **Jesus on Facebook: Churches**

# **use social-networking sites**

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Social-networking sites like Facebook and MySpace are redefining the way many Americans build and maintain relationships—and also how their churches communicate.

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# **Houston couple feels at home ministering in Mexico**

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Through a relationship between their home church of San Jacinto Baptist in Deer Park and Iglesia Bautista Bethel in Tuxpan, the Tuckers have been taking annual mission trips to the Mexican state of Veracruz since 1994. Now they've settled there as Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field workers.