

# **Athlete Strait seeks to set straight-and-narrow example**

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Cody Strait, an outfielder for the Wilmington (Del.) Blue Rocks, has traded red for blue, but his message is still about white—as in Christian purity.

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## **Pastors ask town to ban Sunday morning sports**

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Ministers from eight local churches in Hanover Township, N.J., are asking officials to ban sports games on Sunday mornings and help restore "sacredness to the Sabbath."

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## **Report: Religious giving tops \$100 billion in 2007**

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Giving to religious charities and congregations passed the \$100 billion

mark for the first time in 2007, according to a recent report by the Giving USA Foundation.

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## **Jews, Muslims face challenges in military burials**

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For the families of Jewish and Muslim members of the armed forces, challenges often arise when religious tradition conflicts with explicit rules that govern U.S. military cemeteries.

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## **Faith Digest: McCain, Obama together at Saddleback**

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John McCain and Barack Obama will make their first joint appearance of the presidential campaign this month at California pastor Rick Warren's Saddleback Civil Forum on Leadership and Compassion.

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# **4th Circuit appeals court upholds Va. city's 'non-sectarian' prayers**

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Sandra Day O'Connor has had her say again on an important church-state decision, in this case saying a Virginia city council's practice of offering non-sectarian prayers does not violate the United States Constitution.

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# **Separate identity key to softening hurt for ministers' spouses**

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The minister isn't the only one who bears the pain when a congregation or a group within the church turns on him or her. The spouse does also.

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# **Uncertain times breed anxiety, disrupt churches**

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Wayne Oakes, minister/church relations consultant for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, says pastors and staff often become targets for anger when anxiety in uncertain times leads to a sense of insignificance and loss of control.

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# **Wounded â€”soldier of the crossâ€” scarred by Christian service**

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After 18 years serving in hot spots around the globe, Kevin Turner finally was wounded in the line of duty—not physically, but emotionally and spiritually.

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# **Rejected ministers need acceptance and help**

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Statistically, a pastor stands a better chance of being fired than a coach in the National Football League.

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## **Gap between dreams and reality can wound ministers**

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Ministers' wounds can cause them to question—or even abandon—their call to ministry. But what wounds a minister?

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## **Mentoring program helps ministers chart true course**

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No one ever promised vocational ministry would be easy, said Michael Godfrey, executive director of [True Course Ministries](#). That's why he knew his mentoring program for clergy would meet an immediate need.