

Through open adoption, extended family grows by leaps and bounds

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Thanks to an "open adoption" policy, when family members gather to celebrate holidays and birthdays of 4-year-old Evelyn Rose and her 2-year-old brother, Daniel, reunions include multiple grandparents, aunts, uncles, Dad—and potentially three mothers.

Israel Houghton believes in the "Power of One"

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Israel Houghton's mother never expected her son would grow up to lead thousands of people in worship or become a Grammy, Stellar and Dove Award-winning recording artist.

Florida lawmakers allow bills to create religious license plates to die

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Moves to create two Florida license plates with images of a crucified Jesus on one, and a stained glass window and cross on another, have died in the Florida legislature.

Faith Digest: No hearing for Canadian pot priests

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Two self-styled ministers who claim smoking marijuana is a church sacrament have lost their bid to use and distribute marijuana while they are free on bail and appealing their drug convictions.

Conservatives split over Miss

USA controversy

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Racy Internet photos have prompted some social conservatives to question the Religious Right's embrace of Miss USA runner-up Carrie Prejean as a model Christian.

Torture opponent welcomes comments by SBC leader

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A Baptist ethicist involved in a religious campaign to build a moral consensus against using torture in America's war on terrorism welcomed comments by the head of the Southern Baptist Convention's public policy arm that waterboarding is a form of torture and morally wrong.

Churches flock to social networking sites

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Social networking sites are rapidly changing the way Christians communicate with each other, and how ministers keep in touch with their

flock.

Youth minister helps students go on mission online

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Like innovators of the past who used the printing press, radio and television to spread the gospel, a growing number of Christians today are taking their message to social media such as Facebook, Twitter, blogs, podcasts, YouTube, Flickr and MySpace.

Ministry leaders tap into online networking

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LifeWay Christian Resources is harnessing the power of online networking among Facebook's 100 million daily users worldwide and Twitter's 2.2 million users.

Wide-open freedom of the Web offers challenges and ministry opportunities

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While social networking sites are far from private or anonymous, the public nature hasn't prevented individuals from boldly posting information or photographs they likely wouldn't share with such a diverse crowd in "real" life, pastors note.

In hard-hit area, cash-strapped churches reach out in ministry

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Churches are being called upon more than ever to help meet needs in high unemployment areas.

Physicist-theologian reflects on

intersection of science and faith

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Renowned Anglican physicist-theologian John Polkinghorne's new book, *Theology in the Context of Science*, examines what topics like space and time can teach us about God, and how a scientific style of inquiry can benefit theologians.