

Baptists support separation of church and state, but what does it mean?

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Baptists have, since their earliest days, been advocates of religious liberty and its corollary, the separation of church and state. But different groups of modern-day Baptists in the United States interpret church-state separation—and the Constitution's provisions for it—in different ways, according to Brent Walker, executive director of the Washington-based Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty.

Megachurches attract many under 45, relatively few previously unchurched

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Megachurches are most attractive to younger adults, and almost all who arrive at their sanctuaries have darkened a church's door before, a new survey shows.

Human rights offering helps plant house churches in Middle East

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This year, a portion of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Offering for Religious Liberty and Human Rights will support women who work through an international organization that trains new believers to build house churches. The offering will be collected during this year's CBF general assembly, July 2-3 in Houston.

On church-state issues, Obama brings new perspective, slow policy change

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In his first few months in office, President Obama has indicated only a handful of alterations to President Bush's most controversial church-state initiative—a push to expand government funding for social services delivered through churches and other religious charities.

What to do with excess embryos? One doctor has an idea

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Dr. Jeanne Loring has proposed establishing an embryo bank that could store frozen embryos for families that can no longer afford the storage fees.

Young evangelicals tend to shun "conservative" label, embrace "justice"

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Younger evangelical pastors are less likely to self-identify as conservatives than older generations and more apt to view social justice as a gospel imperative, LifeWay Research director Ed Stetzer told a group of evangelical environmental activists.

Faith Digest: Christianity Today cuts back

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Christianity Today International, citing hard times in the publishing industry, is shutting down four publications and laying off 31 workers.

German Confessing Church movement marks 75th anniversary

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Church cooperation with the Nazis led to the "Confessing Church" movement 75 years ago.

What fad would Jesus follow?

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A Lutheran youth minister in Holland, Mich., re-read a copy of Charles Sheldon's *In His Steps*, a classic story from the 1890s in which the central character frames right and wrong with the question, "What would Jesus

do?” The rest is history.

Tweeting churches discover the gospel according to Twitter

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Some church leaders are encouraging tweeting and texting during services as a way to create dialogue and strengthen a sense of community.

Poll shows mixed feeling about same-sex marriage, gay rights

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A large survey on American attitudes toward homosexuality reveals mixed feelings about gay rights, with Americans saying states should not be forced to recognize same-sex unions, but also saying gay couples should have access to federal spousal benefits like Social Security.

How do you spell lust? Try M-I-S-S-I-S-S-I-P-P-I

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Las Vegas may be known as “Sin City,” but when it comes to transgressions per capita, parts of the Bible Belt may burn much hotter, suggests a new study by Kansas State University geographers.