

No evidence recession pulls people into pews

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Economic recession has not led to increased attendance at U.S. houses of worship, according to Gallup pollsters.

Most Americans believe in multiple paths to salvation, survey reveals

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Most American Christians believe at least some non-Christian faiths can lead to eternal life, a new survey by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life reveals.

Poll: Americans see religious

influence waning

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Two-thirds of Americans think religion is losing its influence on U.S. life, a sharp jump from just three years ago when Americans were nearly evenly split on the question, according to a new Gallup Poll.

Warren's church says violence no excuse for divorce

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Comments on the Saddleback Church website that the Bible does not permit a woman to divorce a physically abusive spouse have triggered concerns among advocates for victims of domestic violence.

Make way for license-plate faith

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In South Carolina, a district court temporarily has halted production of state-sponsored license plates that declare "I Believe."

Faith Digest: ACLU sues over inmate's right to preach

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The American Civil Liberties Union has filed suit on behalf of a New Jersey prison inmate who was ordained behind bars eight years ago and now contends his religious freedoms were violated when prison officials forbade him from preaching.

Controversy over NPR comments forces NAE lobbyist Cizik out

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Backlash over comments about gay rights on a public-radio broadcast cost prominent National Association of Evangelicals lobbyist Richard Cizik his job.

Report suggests CIA covered up role in missionary death

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A top-ranking Republican plans to call for a new federal inquiry into an alleged CIA cover-up in the 2001 military attack on a small plane in Peru that killed an American missionary and her infant child.

Bush signs enhanced anti-trafficking bill

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President Bush signed into law Dec. 23 the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act, which will strengthen efforts to fight human trafficking in the United States and other countries.

Controversy over inaugural prayer is nothing new

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President-elect Barack Obama's surprise pick of *Purpose Driven Life* author

Rick Warren to give the invocation at his inauguration Jan. 20 isn't the first time the ceremonial prayer has created controversy.

Pastor calls for 'un-blending' of secular, sacred Christmas traditions

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A Baptist pastor in Kansas thinks he has a solution to the dilemma about whether it's more appropriate to say "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holidays" in secular settings like department stores.

One adult in 10 is a caregiver, survey reveals

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Eleven percent of the people who participated in a LifeWay Research survey said they or an immediate family member are the primary full-time caregiver to an elderly parent or a special needs child, a statistic also shown in two other national studies.