

As scandal-plagued pastor returns, questions linger

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After disgraced evangelical leader Ted Haggard decided to start holding prayer meetings at his Colorado home, advisers and observers, perhaps not surprisingly, reacted with disappointment.

Christian musicians, VeggieTales crew aid Operation Christmas Child

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Several contemporary Christian musicians and the team from VeggieTales/Big Idea Productions are promoting Operation Christmas Child in multiple venues this year.

Christian students set up dry

tailgate party

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“College Kids Tailgate” is a group of students at Auburn who say they don't need alcohol to have a good time. Three years of sober tailgating has morphed into a “ministry opportunity” outside their dorm.

Former pop music star, songwriter teamed up to glorify God

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The debut album by Chynna Phillips and Vaughan Penn, One Reason, conveys themes of redemption, forgiveness and hope with a musical canvas of harmony-rich arrangements.

Pilots for Christ lifts patients on

a wing and a prayer

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Alabama car dealer Tommy Lee flies his Piper Cheyenne turbo-prop for Pilots for Christ taking patients to hospitals. The group depends on volunteer time given by pilots and the use of their planes, and on donations that pay for fuel and mission support.

Competitive national bee concept takes a biblical turn

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The National Bible Bee finals in Washington, D.C., grilled 21 children on their knowledge of Scripture. The five-hour finals were preceded by regional competitions in 49 of the 50 states in September, oral contests and SAT-like tests for 300 contestants.

Faith Digest: Faith leaders ask Congress to close Gitmo

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More than 40 leaders of major faith groups sent a letter to Congress urging

the closing of the prison at Guantanamo Bay, calling it “the symbol of our country’s violation of our deepest values.”

‘Bible Navigator X’ reaches out to video gamers

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ABP) — Attention video gamers: The Bible is coming to an Xbox near you.

New domestic-poverty stats a wake-up call, ethicists say

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WASHINGTON (ABP) — New government numbers revealing that nearly one in six Americans lived in households that struggled to afford food at some point in 2008 ought to be a wake-up call for Christians, according to two Baptist ethicists.

In memoir and essays, women explore their religious roots

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In two books- a memoir and a book of essays- women with deep religious roots mourn, celebrate and analyze their experiences.

Private religious practices on the rise, but don't look for practitioners in pews

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By some measures, religious institutions are waning in the United States. But private religious practices like prayer actually are increasing, a University of Chicago report reveals.

When pastors suffer in silence

how do they find escape?

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What kind of personal pain would cause a 42-year-old pastor to abandon his family, his calling and even life itself? Members of a Baptist church here are asking that question after their pastor committed suicide in his parked car in September.