

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.

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.

Separate identity key to

softening hurt for ministersâ 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.

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.

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.

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.

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?

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.

Survey finds evangelicals & religiously unaffiliated as potential swing votes in election

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Nearly one in five evangelicals and Catholics are undecided about which presidential candidate to support, according to a recent survey.

Josh Hamilton: Journey from heroin addict to home run hero

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Texas Ranger outfielder Josh Hamilton has spent most of his time this season pointing to someone greater than himself.

Hagee's attorneys succeed in removing YouTube videos

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John Hagee, outspoken pastor of Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, has successfully worked with copyright lawyers to get more than 120 videos featuring him removed from YouTube.

Rising gas costs fuel creativity as churches help offset prices

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With rising food and gas prices, Americans are grappling for economic stability. Churches, in turn, are getting creative in trying to soften the blow

of rising prices on worshippers' pocketbooks.