

Most evangelicals, Baptists tolerant, even universalist, survey suggests

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WASHINGTON (ABP) — A massive survey of Americans' religious views shows that Baptists, like the overall population, generally are socially tolerant of other faiths.

Before you get married: Loving your in-laws

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Before you get married: Questions that need answers

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No easy answers dealing with religious, civil dimensions of marriage

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When it comes to pronouncing a couple "husband and wife," how did the government get into the sanctification business? And if the government has a legitimate right to define and regulate marriage, should it also offer incentives to promote healthy marriages?

Legal scholar looks at prohibition on polygamy

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John Witte, a scholar of marriage law and director of the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory Law School in Atlanta, responded to questions about why prosecuting adults for polygamy is so difficult and whether the practice may one day be legalized in the U.S.

Sex & Sects: Why does sex play such a large role within fringe religions?

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Why do people join or remain members of a group that practices unusual sexual behaviors? And what's more, what kind of sexual power do the leaders of these religious movements hold over their followers?

Couples consider ‘Countdown’ time well spent

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Countdown to Marriage, a program designed by Byron and Carla Weathersbee of Legacy Family Ministries in Waco, prepares engaged couples for marriage through seven weeks of topical discussion of common marital issues.

State offers incentive for premarital education

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Texas has joined a growing number of states that waive or reduce the costs of marriage license fees to couples who complete premarital education courses. And the Baptist General Convention of Texas is launching an initiative to enlist churches as providers of the educational program.

Building relationships is key to

ministry to nontraditional families

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How should a congregation respond to an unmarried cohabitating couple's request to join the church? Churches likely will face this and other tough questions as society's definition of family continues to change.