

Healing the sick & preventing a healthcare reform debacle

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Unless there is consensus, the attempt at health care reform could go down like the Hindenburg. Many conservative religious groups continue to oppose a major overhaul of the health care system, while centrist and liberal religious groups have large coalitions in favor of comprehensive reform.

Faith-based providers propose models for health care reform

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Faith-based health care providers can lead the way in developing new models that emphasize wellness, the president of Baylor Health Care System believes.

Government should referee health care, two Baylor University economists insist

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The United States does not have a health care problem as much as it has an insurance problem and an income problem, two economists at Baylor University have asserted. And they insist those problems can be solved with minimal government involvement.

Spiritual component key part of parish nursing

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While a parish nurse could be a boon to the health of congregations across the state, the likelihood of a Texas Baptist church having one is hampered by the fact that most congregations—and most nursing students—have little awareness the ministry exists, a University of Mary Hardin-Baylor nursing professor said.

Faith-based mutual insurers worry about health care reform

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As Congress debates whether to mandate health insurance for all Americans, several Christian ministries whose members share each other's medical costs are hoping the final version of health care reform doesn't put them out of business.

Faith Digest: Census won't count Mormon missionaries overseas

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Mormon missionaries serving abroad will not be counted in the 2010 U.S. census, despite the hopes of Utah congressmen that the missionaries would be included.

Theologian-scientist says there are pathways between two disciplines

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There are paths between science and theology, and both can find value in interaction, noted author and professor of science and theology Robert Russell told an audience at Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology Sept. 15.

Florida principal, athletic director, not guilty of contempt of court

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A federal judge in Florida ruled Sept. 17 that a blessing at an athletic banquet did not violate her court order telling a school district to refrain from promoting religious activity at school events.

Jews reach out to Latino evangelicals seeking allies

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Early on a weekday morning, dozens of Latino evangelical leaders stream into a large church on the outskirts of Los Angeles. Greeting one another in Spanish, they sip coffee and share pastries until they are informed that class is about to begin.

Samford basketball player found dead in dorm room

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Samford University basketball player Jim Griffin was found dead in his dorm room Sept. 8. School officials believe he died in his sleep from an undetectable heart condition, but results from an autopsy won't be available for about two weeks.

Does Lit 101 lead to unbelief? Do teachers-in-training pray more?

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Economics professor Miles Kimball and researchers from the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research determined certain academic majors can influence students' religiosity—positively or negatively—over time.

Who are the hungry? Putting a face to people in need

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"Hunger has no face and no personality," said Cheryl Jackson, founder of The Giving Movement, a Plano nonprofit organization.