

# **Historic church finds new energy in missions commitment**

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When churches fall on hard economic times, some congregations reduce the amount they give to missions. A Kentucky Baptist pastor believes they should do the opposite.

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# **Missional church reaches out through health care**

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Mission Frankfort Clinic is a godsend for an average of 40 to 50 uninsured patients who come through its doors to see a doctor or dentist or to get a prescription medicine.

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# **Film asks: How did the gospel become so divisive?**

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In his documentary-style film, *Lord, Save Us from Your Followers*, which

hits theaters nationwide Sept. 25, Dan Merchant marches around the country asking everyone he meets why what he calls the “Gospel of Love” is dividing the nation.

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## **John Piper says possible tornado a warning to Lutherans**

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A Baptist pastor and popular Calvinist author says it was no accident that tornado-force winds hit downtown Minneapolis the same week that the nation's largest Lutheran group was meeting there to debate liberalizing its policies toward gays.

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## **Online missionaries search for converts via the Internet**

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Campus Crusade has sent missionaries to the far corners of the world. Now people are coming to them through its Global Media Outreach ministry.

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# **Faith that sings: Hymns make theology portable**

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If you know what hymns a congregation is most addicted to, you will be able to infer what, in Christianity, means most to that church.

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# **Musical choice reveals congregation's theological position**

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Terry York is willing to bet that if he goes into a Baptist church, sits down and listens, he can tell—long before the preacher speaks—whether the congregation is theologically conservative or moderate.

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# **Faith Digest: Tweet the Wailing Wall**

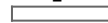
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People of all faiths can now send their prayers to the Western Wall, one of Judaism's most sacred sites, by Twitter.

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## **Interfaith Alliance head calls for new ground rules in same-sex marriage debate**

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 The head of the Interfaith Alliance has called for a new national discussion about marriage not as a religious institution but a civil right.

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## **Christian coach says Muslim**

# **principal fired him over religion**

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A legendary high school wrestling coach in Michigan has filed a federal lawsuit claiming he was fired by a Muslim principal for his Christian beliefs.

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# **Training the next generation of ministers**

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Many observers say the formulaic approach to seeking ministerial leadership has broken down, in part because of changing expectations among congregations.

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# **NFL's Ben Utecht playing for an audience of One**

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By balancing roles as a Christian musician and NFL player, Cincinnati Bengals' tight-end Ben Utecht desires to spread the gospel by the example he sets on and off the field.