

# **Why pastors are leaving the pulpit**

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While only 1 percent of protestant pastors decide to step down from ministry each year, the reasons behind those decisions are dynamic.

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# **2026 ‘He Gets Us’ ad more personal, less political**

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A new take on the “He Gets Us” ad campaign will focus on dealing with the struggles of life, rather than social conflicts.

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# **Christian nationalism isn’t limited to US, scholars say**

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A University of Chicago Divinity School conference observes tension between Christianity as a moral force and a weapon for politics.

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## **Cities Church considering legal options after anti-ICE protest**

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Leaders of Cities Church are considering legal action against anti-ICE activists who interrupted a Jan. 18 worship service in the sanctuary.

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## **Leaders seek to block interstate Rx abortion pills**

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Southern Baptists joined others at a press conference Jan. 14 urging federal authorities to block interstate abortion pill prescriptions.

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## **Lifeway Research finds church**

# **closures eclipse openings**

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The changing religious landscape in the United States includes a decline in the total number of Protestant and Southern Baptist churches.

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## **Philip Yancey, beloved evangelical author, retires after admitting affair**

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Philip Yancey, a beloved evangelical author and speaker, will retire from public ministry after admitting to a long-term affair.

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## **Studies reveal disappearing religious gender gap**

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A study by Pew Research Center shows shifting religious demographics among young men and women. Young women, previously considered “more religious” than young men, are now considered roughly as religious as men

in the same age group.

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## **Study shows rising interest in magic as religion declines**

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As more people move away from regular attendance in religious institutions, they are moving toward individual spiritual exploration and “secular supernaturalism,” the latest findings from the Baylor Religion Survey reveal.

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## **Early religious experiences shape why people stay or leave**

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Pew Research says while a majority of Americans still identify with their childhood faith, a third have switched—including 20 percent who now say they have no religion.

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# **Isaiah 41, Psalms 23 and 91 among top Bible app passages**

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For the fourth time in the last six years, Isaiah 41:10 was the most downloaded Scripture of the year on the YouVersion family of Bible apps, which according to its founder has been installed on 1 billion devices nationwide.

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# **Decline of religion remains stalled, but no revival yet**

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A decades-long religious decline remains stalled for now, according to a report based on data from two Pew Research Center surveys. However, young Americans remain less religious than their parents or grandparents, with just over half (55 percent) claiming a religion.