

# **Video blog offers deeper connection between pastor and church**

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A video blog gave the pastor of Second Baptist Church in Liberty, Mo., an additional venue to reach his church members and the wider community.

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# **Beyond Facebook: Scanning the social media landscape**

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What's next on the social media horizon? Some specialists see an increase in "niche" networks.

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# **So your church is on Facebook.**

# What now?

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While about half of Protestant churches have Facebook pages, many essentially use it as a bulletin board, missing out on the potential to nurture relationships with congregants and its community.

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## **Text message donors represent new category of giver, study shows**

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One in 10 Americans have made a charitable donation using the text messaging feature on their mobile phones, according to a newly-released study produced by the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project and Harvard's Berkman Center for the Internet & Society.

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## **Bible library on a chip for**

# persecuted Christians

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Persecuted Christians now can hold an entire seminary library on a fingertip, thanks to a collaboration between Bible League International and the Digital Bible Society.

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## U.S. mosques multiply, take 'moderate' approach

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The number of mosques in America has jumped 74 percent since 2000, and the majority of them—56 percent—espouse a less-than-literal approach to interpreting Islam's holy texts.

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## Faith Digest

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Mormons who want to practice proxy baptism for the dead have been told to keep it in the family. The governing First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recently issued a mandate to members: Do not submit names of Jewish Holocaust victims or celebrities for proxy

baptism.

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## Faith & Politics

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While the U.S. Constitution specifically mandates no religious litmus test should be used to determine who holds office, Christians still grapple with how—and if—their faith should inform their choice in candidates. And they often use the Bible to back their decisions.

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## Rick Warren finds new purpose in weight loss

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Megachurch Pastor Rick Warren has become an outsized evangelical superstar as best-selling author of *The Purpose Driven Life* series, pastoral mentor and even political referee. Now, Warren is finding a new purpose—tackling his outsized waistline.

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# **Politics & Media: Learn to recognize bias, determine reliability**

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Voters need to be aware of their own biases, including those in their own faith tradition. Then they also must look for the bias that the media they use also likely will reflect.

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# **Bearing false witness still a sin, even in campaign season**

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When a politically volatile email arrives warning Christians about some elected official's action or some candidate's position that sounds so horrible it's hard to believe—don't believe it, some pastors suggest. And for heaven's sake, don't forward it.

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# **Faith & politics: Making choices in a fallen world**

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Christians should be realistic in their expectations when it comes to finding a candidate whose values mirror their own.