

Why are American churches losing people with less education?

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A recent study reporting white Americans without college degrees are dropping out of church faster than their higher-educated counterparts has several possible explanations, researchers said.

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The U.S. State Department has designated eight nations as the most serious violators of religious freedom. The list of "Countries of Particular Concern" includes Burma, China, Eritrea, Iran, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Uzbekistan.

Movie challenges husbands and

fathers to be ‘Courageous’

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Courageous—the latest movie produced by Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Ga.—offers a 21st century representation of a call first uttered in the Old Testament.

Study probes reasons why college students leave church

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A six-year study of about 500 Christian youth group members examines why 61 percent of 20-somethings who regularly attended church as teenagers later left the pews.

Should ministers get second chances?

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When a minister gets fired, will a search committee automatically set his or her resume aside or give it a fair hearing?

Matching church and clergy methods differ by denomination

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Matching clergy supply and demand is a chief concern for all denominations, but various church traditions address it in different ways.

To beckon Baby Boomers, adopt multifaceted ministry approaches

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Age means more than the number of birthdays a person has celebrated. It's a mix of chronological, psychological, functional and social factors, creating a complicated environment for churches to minister to older adults, said Amy Hanson, a national expert on gerontology.

Professors denounce ‘Christian Zionism’

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Two Baptist ethicists released an open letter opposing “Christian Zionism” and its effect on U.S. policy toward Israel.

Single but not alone

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Even though singles still hear questions like "Why aren't you married yet?" societal and church changes in attitudes about single adults are helping congregations begin to see the need for ministry to them.

One woman’s challenge to transition to new life as ‘one’

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Anita Snell never dreamed she would be one of nearly 700,000 women who lose their husbands each year. But in October 2007, the unthinkable happened. Snell became part of that statistic when her pastor husband,

Jack, died from pancreatic cancer.

Single adults represent tremendous mission field

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Single adults make up more than 40 percent of the U.S. population, according to some studies, and Dennis Franck believes church members just need to open their eyes to see them.

Singles ministry tough, but vital

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"Singles" are not monolithic but fall across every age range and life spectrum. They are never married—like Belcher—divorced, separated and widowed. And they come in all ages, from very young adults just out of high school to senior adults who have lost a spouse after 50 years together.