

# Teen website changes lives through laughs

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The interactive format of "The Doug and Jon Show" provides a safe haven for young people to laugh, share thoughts, open up about their challenges and be introduced to Jesus Christ.

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# Recognize children's digital proficiency, but be alert to dangers

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When it comes to digital communication, children are natives, and their parents are immigrants. And that puts parents at a distinct disadvantage in protecting children from online danger, according to the president of a nonprofit advocacy group devoted to guarding children from Internet pornography and predators.

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# **Churches view social networking as ministry tool**

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With the Internet closing in on television as Americans' main source of national and international news, churches increasingly are viewing social-networking applications like Facebook as ministry tools.

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# **Is the prodigal generation gone for good, or will they return to faith?**

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Drew Dyck didn't lose the Christian faith of his childhood when he became an adult, but he noticed lots of others did. He talked to some of those who've left the faith for his recent book, *Generation Ex-Christian: Why Young Adults Are Leaving the Faith ... and How to Bring Them Back*.

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# âMiracle Detectivesâ on the hunt for answers

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For an hour every Wednesday night, *Miracle Detectives*, a prime-time television foray into exploring the miraculous, will investigate reports of the supernatural. It's one of 17 programs on the new Oprah Winfrey Network that debuted New Year's Day.

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# Faith Digest: No policy changes for military chaplains

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The pending repeal of the U.S. military's ban on openly gay members will not change policies related to chaplains, the Pentagon stated.

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# Baptist author produces novel in American Sign Language

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Baptist author George Joslin of Springfield, Mo., has produced what may be the first American Sign Language-only novel. Titled *A Deaf Man's Gospel*, the novel is only available in American Sign Language (ASL) on DVD, rather than in print format.

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## **Churches seek to minister to Boomers**

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Jan. 1 not only marked the beginning of a new year, but also saw the first Baby Boomers turn 65 years old. And congregations face the evolving challenge of finding ways to minister with and to them.

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## **What makes ministry to older adults more effective?**

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Ministry to older adults must take many forms, depending upon the make-up of the group a church is trying to reach. As the U.S. population ages, congregations will have even more opportunities to engage older adults.

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# **Challenge for churches: How to care for caregivers**

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As churches minister to the most elderly and infirm among members, some also seek ways to serve their caregivers—often family members—who often labor around the clock.

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# **No single size or shape fits ministry to all older adults**

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Church and denominational leaders are beginning to understand older adults cannot be categorized as a single unit, and a one-size-fits-all ministry will not meet needs.

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# **Religious persecution more prevalent, more severe in Muslim countries**

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Two recent reports by watchdog groups and a new book take a fresh look at the persistence of religious intolerance worldwide, with Muslim-majority nations facing particular criticism.