

Mormons catch a glimpse of life in the big leagues

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Mormons have been making headlines across the nation—from HBO's *Big Love* to California's Proposition 8, from *American Idol* wannabe David Archuleta to *Twilight* author Stephenie Meyer, from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to conservative icon Glenn Beck.

When does human life begin? In Missouri, it's legally at conception

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The question has perplexed philosophers, theologians and scientists for thousands of years: At what point does human life begin?

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The United States tied with Switzerland for fifth place in a worldwide

giving index by the British-based Charities Aid Foundation that measures charitable behavior across the globe.

Stuff Christians Like: An interview with Jon Acuff

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Jon Acuff is the author of the satirical blog *Stuff Christians Like* and a book by the same title published by Zondervan.

Fear not, Jesus saidâ€” but some Christians still do

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Perfect love, wrote the Apostle John, casts out fear. But 2,000 years after those words were written, Christians' response to fear often is indistinguishable from that of the society in which they live.

Does gay debate mirror church dispute on slavery?

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Many Protestant progressives have sought to align the fight for gay rights with abolitionism. But while there are striking parallels, historians caution that important differences emerge upon close examination.

Faith, fear clash in middle Tennessee over proposed mosque

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Fear and faith have divided residents of Murfreesboro, Tenn., since the Islamic Center of Murfreesboro bought roughly 15 acres of land last November to build a mega-church-style mosque facility just outside the city limits.

Living in the midst of fear challenging but possible

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Peaceful living in a fear-provoking environment is challenging, even—maybe especially—for Christians. Church leaders suggested several ways Christians can confront fear.

Christian counselors say they encounter discrimination over views on homosexuality

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When are religious views on homosexuality an issue of religious and academic freedom, and when are they discrimination? That's a question raised by counselors and educators across the country.

Prescription for spiritual

caregivers: **Physician, heal thyself**

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A survey of United Methodist ministers in North Carolina found them significantly more obese than their socio-economic peers in the general population. Ministers also suffered higher rates for chronic diseases like high blood pressure, asthma and diabetes.

Books challenge consumer-driven church model

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Two new books challenge Christians to restore their faith to its true mission and forsake a consumerist mentality some churches adapt in a bid to meet members' needs.

Grant's musical journey focuses on joy within the struggles

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Amy Grant's latest album, *Somewhere Down the Road*, chronicles life's most heart-wrenching moments, as well as the unexpected joys.