

Christian higher education not spared from recession's impact

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God makes rain fall on the just and the unjust, Jesus said. Similarly, recession makes market prices fall, affecting endowments of Christian higher education and secular universities alike.

Duvall talks faith on film, except his own

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Actor Robert Duvall's characters often are touched by faith, from washed-up country singer Mac Sledge in *Tender Mercies* to a hermit in his summer release, *Get Low*.



Outside financial monitoring

less common in Bible Belt companies

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Companies in the Bible Belt are less likely to be sued for accounting fraud or to practice aggressive financial reporting, a study indicates.

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Concerns about pollution and water quality have prompted an environmental advocacy group to call for banning baptisms in the lower Jordan River, where the Bible says Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.

Fight over N.Y. mosque becomes a partisan wedge issue

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What started as a local zoning debate about an Islamic center near Ground Zero morphed into a fight over religious expression, and now it has turned into an election-year political brawl.

Analysis: Mosque decision leaves religious pluralism status unclear

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The emotions and rhetoric surrounding the project suggest Islam's role in the United States may be the latest battle front in an increasingly diverse society's culture wars.

Is the Tea Party unbiblical? Depends on one's perspective

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When conservative broadcaster Glenn Beck warned church-goers to "run as fast as you can" if their pastors preach about "social justice," was he also encouraging them to run from the Bible? That's what some progressive Christian leaders are arguing as battle lines are drawn for the 2010 mid-term elections.

Faith Digest: Study reveals Amish growth

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A new study says the population of North American Amish has increased nearly 10 percent in the past two years, causing many communities to turn westward in search of new land.

Focus on the Family announces more than 100 job cuts

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Focus on the Family has announced 110 job cuts in the latest round of layoffs that the Colorado ministry attributes to the departure of founder James Dobson and the reduced financial support from donors.

Baptists react to marriage ruling; religious freedom not impacted

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A federal judge's Aug. 4 ruling declaring unconstitutional a California ban on same-sex marriage is either disastrous or a monumental step forward, depending on which Baptist leader you ask. But, according to church-state experts, it doesn't directly affect religious liberty.

Ground Zero controversy part of rise in anti-Islamic sentiment, experts say

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The most recent prominent spat in the United States over building a new Islamic facility — the so-called “Ground Zero mosque” in New York — is indicative of a broader movement that is becoming increasingly suspicious of accommodating Islam as any other faith would be under the First Amendment, according to religious-liberty experts.

Novelist Rice claims she's committed to Christ but leaving Christianity

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Former vampire novelist Anne Rice says she's leaving Christianity again because she no longer wants to be identified with such a "quarrelsome, hostile, disputatious, and deservedly infamous group."