

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.”

Faith & Fitness: Exercise good, but only in moderation

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The Bible portrays the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit. But some caution that too much focus on “temple care” can become a sin.

Should churches allow sex offenders in pews?

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“All are welcome” is a common phrase on many a church sign and website. But what happens when a convicted sex offender takes those words literally?

Physical and spiritual exercise meet in NIA, divinity student

says

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Claire McKeever, a Baylor University graduate studying for the ministry at Vanderbilt Divinity School, preaches that worship isn't just for the soul. She teaches Neuromuscular Integrative Action, a mind/body/spirit exercise experience that combines yoga, martial arts and dance.

Poverty-medicine clinic preaches the gospel of fitness

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Fitness can, literally, be a life-and-death issue for people in underprivileged communities. So a Christian medical ministry in one of the nation's poorest big cities is preaching the gospel of fitness through local churches.

Warnings about sex, violence come to Christian movies

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A new purple "Faith-Based" seal on Christian-themed DVDs warns of raw images or language, and a new gold "Faith-Friendly" seal indicates a

Christian-themed movie that's safe for a family audience.

Faith Digest: Methodists study healthy churches

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United Methodists have recently concluded a study of more than 32,000 Methodist congregations across North America, seeking the key factors affecting vital congregations.

Do all dogs go to heaven? New books seem to think so

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About 170 million cats and dogs in the United States have found a place in the homes of American pet owners. And many whose pets have died have wondered if their beloved animal companions will be waiting for them in heaven.

Abortion strains religious-government aid coalition

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Abstinence advocates say their approach to preventing AIDS, favored by conservative policy makers, has fallen out of favor with the Obama administration. As a consequence, many abstinence-based organizations aren't eligible for the same grants they once received.