

Rick Warren hospitalized with eye injury

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Southern Baptist mega-church pastor and Purpose Driven Life author Rick Warren was recovering at home July 22 after being hospitalized overnight with eye injuries he suffered while gardening.

Planting churches that take root takes right processes, people

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Planting new churches in places where none exists, or reaching specific culture groups, can result in changed lives and the expansion of God's kingdom. But it takes flexibility to adapt to each new work's context.

How should church starters

measure success?

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Should the death of a new church be considered a failure? That depends on the definition of success. Estimates of church plant failures range from less than 2 percent to as great as 80 percent, depending upon the study.

Missional, emergent church movements place premium on church starting

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The missional church and emergent church movements are sweeping through many aspects of religious life—including church planting. While both most often are tagged as movements, they also function as foundations for birthing new congregations.

Common denominator for new

churches: They all need funds

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Regardless of the method or process used to start them, all new church plants have one thing in common—the need for money.

Homeowners weigh morality of walking out on mortgages

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Up to 25 million homeowners—about one in four—are “underwater” on the home mortgage. Those who walk away in a "strategic default" face an array of financial consequences, as well as a moral question- is it the right thing to do?

Musician teaches young girls that modest is hottest

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Musician Jaime Jamgochian designed a popular "Modest is Hottest" T-shirt and started a conference that focuses on teaching young girls how to dress

in the latest styles while maintaining modesty.

Faith Digest: Church attendance up

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A new Gallup Poll found Americans' self-reported church attendance has increased slightly since 2008.

Lines of church-state separation may get blurry in disaster zones

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Relief workers acknowledge the close working relationship between government and religious agencies may blur the lines of church-state separation, especially when the desperation of victims pushes such concerns to the back burner.

Churches start their own humanitarian aid agencies

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As American Christians grow more skeptical and less dependent on traditional institutions, individual churches are starting their own humanitarian aid organizations, doing their own projects on their own terms.

‘Good News Bible’ translator Bob Bratcher dies

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Robert Bratcher, the New Testament translator for the *Good News Bible*, died July 10 at the Carol Woods retirement community in Chapel Hill, N.C. He was 90.

Evangelical churches do better

job of retaining youth, researcher says

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Evangelical churches do a better job than mainline churches in keeping their young people in the faith, probably because they invest more money in youth ministry, says a Duke University professor who studies characteristics of American congregations.