

# Churches adapt to change by planting multiple campuses

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Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Liberty, Mo., and Air Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., started separate congregations to minister to differing geographic areas or a particular ministry focus. But most multisites remain together because of their shared spiritual DNA.

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# Musician ministers to teens struggling with cutting

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As singer/songwriter Lanae' Hale performs concerts around the country, she shares an intensely personal message with teenagers and young adults about how God helped her to overcome a battle with cutting and depression.



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# **Most 'Millennials' don't pray, read Bible or attend church**

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Two thirds of Americans born between 1980 and 1991 identify themselves as Christians, but most do not regularly pray, read the Bible or attend church, according to findings of a new LifeWay Research study.

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A federal judge has rejected a motion filed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to dismiss a California lawsuit that challenges tax breaks ministers can receive on housing.

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## **If there's a just way to wage war, what about ending one?**

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As the United States prepares to reduce troop levels in Iraq this summer and Afghanistan next year, the 1,500-year-old "just war" theory is being

deployed on a less familiar mission—ending the wars ethically.

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## **Clergy shortage turns to ministerial glut in some denominations**

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After a decade-long clergy shortage in America's pulpits, Christian denominations are now experiencing a clergy glut—with some denominations reporting two ministers for every vacant pulpit.

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## **Book draws on music of U2 to call for Christian unity**

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A new book written by a Baptist professor applies theological themes found in the music of the Irish rock band U2 to the quest for Christian unity.

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# **Church should be place of acceptance for people with special needs**

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People with disabilities don't want churches that just "welcome" them, but rather congregations that value them and include them in living a "full life of faith," a long-time advocate for special-needs ministry said.

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# **Is God trying to send people a message through disasters?**

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What is it about nature's fury that attracts theological interpretation? For many religious leaders, scholars say, it's an opportunity to win new believers.

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# **Seminaries not preparing**

# **pastors to minister to disabled, some assert**

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An expert in the field of disability ministry says theological seminaries are doing little to prepare ministers to deal with the estimated one in five Americans living with some kind of disability.

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# **Welcoming people with special needs can mean spiritual, numerical growth**

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Churches that do a good job of including members with special needs like autism often reap side benefits of a positive witness to their community and sometimes even numerical growth, says an expert in disability ministries.

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# **First person: Anybody can be a**

# friend

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Not everyone has the expertise or ability to do something significant about a problem as big as helping families deal with disabilities, but “anybody can be a friend.”