

# Faith Digest

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Muslims in England are demanding the British army apologize for using apparent replicas of mosques for target practice on a firing range.

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## Spring marks the opening of the "Church of Baseball"

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On Easter Sunday, 50,000 people packed into Angel Stadium in Anaheim, Calif., and heard Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif., compare the striking similarities between baseball and religious life.

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## Musician helps young girls realize God's design on their lives

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As Francesca Battistelli performs concerts around the country, she shares

life lessons, hoping to encourage young girls with the message that God has a plan and purpose for their lives—and they should settle for nothing less than what God has designed for them.



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## **Barna: Four in 10 ‘unchurched’ have been hurt by churches**

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Nearly four of every 10 "unchurched" Americans avoid worship because of negative past experiences in churches or with church people, according to new research by The Barna Group.

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## **A culture of debt, a culture of thrift**

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Hard work, thrift and philanthropy seem counter-cultural in a time and place where debt is pervasive, with individuals, families, companies and even the government borrowing increasing amounts of money.

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# **Analysis: Churches can help poor people avoid predatory lending trap**

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Payday loan outlets have grown like kudzu in recent years. Texas has more payday lender outlets—about 3,000—than it has McDonald's and Whataburger restaurants combined.

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# **Churches wrestle with drop in donations**

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The number of churches that reported a drop in giving due to the sour economy rose nearly 10 percent last year, according to new survey.

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# **Reading the Bible through the eyes of poverty yields different interpretations**

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Status in society can influence how people read and interpret the Bible—and often how they will act on it, according to some Christian leaders.

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# **Christians outside the West view Scripture differently**

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Christians in the developing nations read Scripture differently than their brothers and sister in the affluent West, according to missiologist Caleb Oladipo.

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# **Michigan Hutaree militia a cult,**

## **experts say**

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Nine members of the Hutaree "Christian" militia in Michigan have been charged with planning to kill a local law enforcement officer and to attack the resulting funeral procession, targeting law enforcement vehicles with improvised explosive devices.

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## **Barbie gets ordained, and she has the wardrobe to match**

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With her careers as veterinarian, astronaut and U.S. president behind her, Barbie has at last found her true calling—as an Episcopal priest.

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## **Faith Digest**

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Muslim and Sikh groups praised the Transportation Security Administration for rolling back screening rules on passengers arriving from 14 primarily Islamic countries, even as some worry that profiling will continue.