

A Time to Laugh

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What is the role of laughter and humor for Christians? When should believers take time to laugh?

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A phone survey of 1,002 adults revealed 66 percent of Americans believe the United States has an obligation to assist poverty-stricken children around the world.

Fewer than half of Americans link Easter to Resurrection

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While most Americans describe Easter as a religious holiday, fewer than half of the adults surveyed link it specifically to the Resurrection of Jesus, a Barna Group study shows.

Dove Award nominees keep spotlight on Christ

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The Dove Awards may be the biggest night of the year for the Gospel Music Association, but through testimonies and songs of praise, the spotlight remains shining brightly on Christ.

Most church websites ineffective, but technology can yield blessings

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A poll conducted by Christian technology company Endis indicates that when churches deliberately focus their websites on attracting outsiders, they see a corresponding rise in the number of non-Christian visitors.

Secular Jew writes about two years spent undercover in Falwell's church

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Gina Welch, who was raised in a secular Jewish family, decided to undertake an audacious experiment in the fall of 2005. She would go undercover and pretend to be a conservative evangelical. And she would do it in—of all places—Jerry Falwell's church in Lynchburg, Va.

After condemning greed, what should Christians do about the economy?

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Ever since the Great Recession began in the fall of 2008, Christians and other faith leaders have criticized the speculative excess and greed that led to the crisis. A consensus on what to do about it, however, has yet to emerge.

Social networking and Christian community

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Social networking sites have tremendous potential for Christians as a place where community-building occurs according to ethicist Bill Tillman. At the same time, ill-chosen words can rupture relationships and damage character.

In Alabama, coach has more Facebook fans than God does

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University of Alabama football coach Nick Saban may not be bigger than God in Alabama, but he has more fans on Facebook.

Economic squeeze produces a new kind of seminarian

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When Newton, Mass., artist Paula Rendino needed fresh inspiration, she sought her muse in an unlikely place—seminary.

Germansâ€™ mega Passion play is back, and Jews are watching

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With its focus on the last days of Jesus' life, a Passion play should, by its nature, arouse passions. But in Oberammergau, the world's most famous Passion play keeps stirring the wrong kind.

Author worries online communities are hurting real

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Jesse Rice, author of *The Church of Facebook: How the Hyperconnected Are Redefining Community*, warns that the new social media can encourage attitudes and behaviors that don't work as well in real life.