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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.

Baylor study links religion to racial prejudice

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More than 50 years after Martin Luther King lamented that 11 o'clock Sunday morning is the most segregated hour in America, a Baylor University study suggests that religion itself may be a contributing factor in racial prejudice.

Congregational-health expert terms churches 'in crisis'

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During his installation as president of the Center for Congregational

Health, Bill Wilson said churches and ministers are "in crisis." That's a breath-sucking observation from the head of an organization that has dealt with struggling congregations for nearly 20 years.

Waterproof Bible aimed at outdoorsmen

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Among all the attributes of the Bible celebrated by some evangelicals, add “waterproof” and “durable” to that list.

Seminary professors attack new book by Brian McLaren

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Brian McLaren, a leader in the "emergent church" movement who roiled evangelical waters in 2004 with his book *A Generous Orthodoxy*, is at it again. And his latest book has drawn fire from professors at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In tight economy, churches should look at how they handle money

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Tough economic times may result in stronger, healthier and smarter churches and Christian ministries, according to Dan Busby, president of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

Jokester Jesus?

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Scholars agree that Jesus' humanity would include a sense of humor. But just how funny was the Man from Nazareth?

Biologist who attempts to reconcile religion and science wins Templeton

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A biologist and former Dominican priest who has attempted to reconcile religion and science has won this year's Templeton Prize — an honor awarded to scholars who study how science and religion intersect.

Bill Thorn: Paint a picture with words

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The secret to being humorous is same as most things in life, Bill Thorn believes—take what God has entrusted to you, work hard to polish it and be the individual you were created to be.

Humor an important spiritual practice, theologian asserts

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Humor doesn't show up on any spiritual practice list. But Richard Olson hopes to make that happen. "Humor is a very important spiritual practice, especially for those under stress and turmoil," he said.

Grady Nutt a pacesetter for Christian comedy

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Grady Nutt, a Baptist minister who attained national fame as the "Prime Minister of Humor" in 1979 as a regular cast member of the popular television series "Hee Haw," was at the pinnacle of his career when he died in a plane crash after a speaking engagement in Alabama at age 48.

Laughter is the best medicine

It's funny; except when it's a bitter pill to swallow

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Something that strikes one person as funny—even something heard at church—may seem inappropriate to another. How can believers strike a balance as they use humor and laughter in ministry?