

Challenge preaching to polarized congregations

December 11, 2023

Fueled by their work in comedy, psychology and theology, some clergy say reducing polarization is both a spiritual necessity for them and an ever-increasing part of their job description.

Podcaster sees Jewish conspiracy in red-nosed reindeer

December 11, 2023

A Christian nationalist podcaster claims Christmas songs written by Jewish songwriters were part of a conspiracy to kick Christ out of Christmas by turning a celebration of the birth of Jesus into a winter holiday with room for Jews.

Growing number of Americans ‘spiritual but not religious’

December 11, 2023

Americans have been abandoning organized religion in droves, and while some have walked away from religion altogether, a distinct group of Americans now call themselves “spiritual but not religious.”

Churches planning multiple events for Christmas

December 11, 2023

Churches this year are planning an average of four extra events or activities to help members and guests celebrate Christmas this year, Lifeway Research discovered.

‘Jesus’ film producers plan release of animated version

December 11, 2023

The Jesus Film Project is producing an animated “Jesus” film that is set to

release in theaters around Christmas 2025.

Evangelicals see Israel-Hamas war in light of End Times

December 11, 2023

When war broke out between Israel and Hamas on Oct. 7, Pastor Robert Jeffress at First Baptist Church in Dallas quickly prepared a sermon series on the Apocalypse, which would be accompanied by a forthcoming book on the subject.

Research: Practicing Christians more generous than others

December 11, 2023

Practicing Christians outpaced non-practicing Christians and nonbelievers in giving to charities including churches in 2022, the American Bible Society said in the latest release from its 2023 State of the Bible report.

New normal settles for churches after pandemic

December 11, 2023

For two years now, almost every church in America has been holding in-person worship services, but not every pre-pandemic worshiper has returned.

Barna: Most Christians don't want churches to use AI

December 11, 2023

Christians have less confidence in artificial intelligence than non-Christians, especially when it comes to AI use by churches, Barna Group and Gloor researchers found.

Young people define 'sacred moments' broadly

December 11, 2023

A majority of young Americans from a variety of faiths and no faith say they

have experienced a sacred moment, according to a new survey, but their definitions of what is sacred may not line up with those of their parents or grandparents.

Church switchers note reasons for congregational change

December 11, 2023

When churchgoers move to a new congregation, most say their reasons for change had a little to do with both their old and new churches.

Many teens think sex too pervasive on TV, study finds

December 11, 2023

A plurality of adolescents think sex and romance are overused in television shows and would like to see more platonic friendships portrayed, an annual University of California at Los Angeles study of 10- to 24-year-olds found.