Lifeway Research finds church closures eclipse openings

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The changing religious landscape in the United States includes a decline in the total number of Protestant and Southern Baptist churches.

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Philip Yancey, a beloved evangelical author and speaker, will retire from public ministry after admitting to a long-term affair.

Studies reveal disappearing religious gender gap

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A study by Pew Research Center shows shifting religious demographics

among young men and women. Young women, previously considered “more religious” than young men, are now considered roughly as religious as men in the same age group.

Study shows rising interest in magic as religion declines

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As more people move away from regular attendance in religious institutions, they are moving toward individual spiritual exploration and “secular supernaturalism,” the latest findings from the Baylor Religion Survey reveal.

Early religious experiences shape why people stay or leave

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Pew Research says while a majority of Americans still identify with their childhood faith, a third have switched—including 20 percent who now say they have no religion.

Isaiah 41, Psalms 23 and 91 among top Bible app passages

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For the fourth time in the last six years, Isaiah 41:10 was the most downloaded Scripture of the year on the YouVersion family of Bible apps, which according to its founder has been installed on 1 billion devices nationwide.

Decline of religion remains stalled, but no revival yet

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A decades-long religious decline remains stalled for now, according to a report based on data from two Pew Research Center surveys. However, young Americans remain less religious than their parents or grandparents, with just over half (55 percent) claiming a religion.

Christmas means extra giving for churchgoers

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For many churchgoers, Christmastime means giving time. Most say they regularly donate money and items to their churches as well as to local and national ministries and nonprofits.

Americans skeptical about paranormal phenomena

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Many homes in the United States may be decorated with images of ghosts and witches for Halloween, but most U.S. adults doubt they actually exist. Surveys from Gallup and Pew find broad skepticism for psychics, ghosts, astrology and witches.

Growing number believe

religion gaining influence in U.S.

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After years of decline, a growing number of Americans believe religion’s influence is on its way back, a new study from Pew Research Center suggests.

Is there religious revival among Gen Z?

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Claims of a national revival on college campuses are spreading. Researchers are more cautious, while acknowledging anecdotal evidence of spiritual renewal.

One-fourth of U.S. adults consider Bible ‘just another

book’

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About a quarter of surveyed U.S. adults think the Bible is “just another book of teachings written by people,” the American Bible Society said in its latest release from the 2025 State of the Bible.