

# **Former pastors cite reasons for early exit from pastorate**

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Few pastors leave the pulpit each year, but most of those who do say it was a personal decision, a Lifeway Research study of former senior pastors who stepped down before retirement age revealed.

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# **Americans' trust in the church rebounds slightly**

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While most Americans remain distrustful of the church, a growing number say they have confidence in the institution. Currently, 36 percent say they trust the church, according to Gallup's annual tracking poll.

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# **Membership declines but some churchgoers double-up**

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A recent survey conducted by the Hartford Institute for Religion Research

found nearly half of American churchgoers attend church services in multiple locations in person and/or online.

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## **Churches help local public schools in a variety of ways**

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As students head back to the classroom, they're likely to see the impact of local churches in their schools this year, new research reveals.

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## **As deportation fears mount, churches feel financial strain**

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At Celebration Church, a Portuguese- and English-speaking Baptist congregation in the Boston area, the benevolence fund is supposed to be there to help church families meet basic needs, such as food, clothing and heat, throughout the year.

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# **Scheffler finds fulfillment in faith and family**

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Scottie Scheffler finds a lot of joy in playing golf at the highest level, but he finds fulfillment in his faith and his family.

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# **Duo desires to help shape lives with Scripture songs**

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While leading worship for children's camps such as Mt. Lebanon Baptist Encampment in Cedar Hill, the husband-and-wife worship duo Dave and Jess Ray—otherwise known as “Doorpost Songs”—seek to influence the rising generation by developing Scripture-based songs and resources to help children easily remember key passages.

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# **Christian broadcasters ask**

# **listeners to support AM radio**

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The National Association of Broadcasters reports 80 million Americans still listen to AM radio each month on over 4,000 AM stations. However, AM radio now faces an existential threat: removal from cars.

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# **Program reduces barriers to theological education**

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A network of Ascent-related seminaries, including Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary, will launch a pilot program this fall hoping to open the door to theological education to a cohort of students for whom "taking the first step" has been an obstacle.

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# **'Lift Every Voice and Sing' celebrates 125 years**

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"Lift Every Voice and Sing," a hymn many African Americans of older generations just know, celebrates 125 years .

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# **Many churchgoers participate in more than one**

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Five years after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, almost half of churchgoers are regular participants in congregations other than their primary one, either attending in person, watching online or on TV, or both.

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# **Christian musician Michael Tait admits to 'double life'**

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Days after an investigation revealed allegations of sexual assault against Christian musician Michael Tait, the former Newsboys frontman publicly admitted to abusing cocaine and alcohol and touching men "in an unwanted sensual way."