

White evangelicals address race, but for how long?

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Many prominent white evangelicals have made statements about Black lives in the weeks since the death of George Floyd. But is this new focus among white conservatives—and white Christians in general—momentary or lasting?

Most in U.S. not comfortable going back to worship services

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A new study examining Americans' response to COVID-19 shows that with the exception of white evangelicals, a majority of Americans are not comfortable returning to in-person religious services.

Churches grapple with

including older adults in current context

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As states begin loosening COVID-19 lockdown restrictions and churches contemplate how to reopen safely, religious leaders face difficult decisions when it comes to their senior members.

Baylor prof explores how movies shape attitudes toward race

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From “The Birth of a Nation” to Spike Lee’s “BlacKkKlansman,” movies have reflected and shaped Americans’ attitudes toward race, said Baylor University professor and popular culture observer Greg Garrett.

NIH chief Francis Collins wins Templeton Prize

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Francis Collins, world-renowned geneticist and director of the National

Institutes of Health, is the 2020 recipient of the Templeton Prize. Collins is known for advocating for the holistic integration of Christian faith and science.

Pastors and churchgoers differ on sermon length estimates

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“How long, oh Lord?” As pastors begin to welcome back their congregations to in-person services, they may want to consider offering them a shorter sermon.

Experts launch online guide for life and death during COVID-19

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Specialists from around the globe who deal daily with the issues of dying and grief—including three from Baylor University—joined to develop new rituals and resources to honor those who die during the COVID-19 era and to aid the living as they grapple with the crisis.

Denison Forum's 'Daily Article' added to Baptist Standard content

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Baptist Standard Publishing and Denison Forum have entered into an agreement to republish the popular Daily Article written by Jim Denison.

Most churches say giving declined due to COVID-19

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About two-thirds of American churches—65 percent—have seen a decline in giving since mid-March as congregations have halted in-person services due to the coronavirus, according to a new survey.

Most Protestant pastors believe humans cause global warming

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For the first time, a majority of Protestant pastors believe global warming is happening and caused by humans. A survey from LifeWay Research found 53 percent of Protestant pastors agree with the statement, “I believe global warming is real and man-made,” including 34 percent who strongly agree.

Pastors face mental health challenges amid pandemic

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The COVID-19 pandemic has prompted not only changes in ministry structure, but also increased personal challenges and stress for pastors as they seek to meet the needs of their families, their congregations and their communities—and as they do it largely from home during a time of social distancing.

Most churches stopped gathering, few plan to meet on Easter

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The coronavirus outbreak has had ripple effects on churches across the country, according to a new LifeWay Research study of pastors. While nearly all pastors say their church held in-person worship services at the beginning of March, that changed radically by the end of the month.