

# **Richard Hays, scholar known for changing his views, has died**

January 6, 2025

Richard Hays, a New Testament scholar and former dean of Duke Divinity School known for his books on Christian ethics and his change of mind about same-sex marriage, died Jan. 3.

---

# **Religious traditions can help with holiday blues, experts say**

January 6, 2025

For many, the winter holidays are a time of grief, loss or perhaps heightened levels of depression and anxiety, but churches can help.

---

# **Report links Bible engagement, generosity and happiness**

January 6, 2025

Bible-engaged Christians are the most charitable people in the United States, and giving increases happiness among the generous, the American

Bible Society said in releasing the last chapter of the 2024 State of the Bible.

---

## **Faith leaders worried about immigration raids at churches**

January 6, 2025

Faith leaders are reacting with concern to a report President-elect Donald Trump plans to rescind a long-standing policy that discourages immigration officials from conducting raids at churches, schools and hospitals.

---

## **New hymnal helps engage Scripture word for word**

January 6, 2025

Twelve years ago, Randall Goodgame decided to help his kids memorize weekly Scripture verses in a way that came naturally to him—writing songs.

---

# **Sexuality and Gen Z an important conversation**

January 6, 2025

“How can we disciple our young people well on matters of biblical sexuality?” Gary Stidham, director of training for Texas Baptists’ Center for Collegiate Ministry, asked a Texas Baptist group.

---

## **Hartford: Most congregations avoid discussing politics**

January 6, 2025

Despite the incessant tracking of evangelical Christian and other religious groups through the recently ended election season, a study by the Hartford Institute for Religion Research showed most congregations are politically inactive, with nearly half actively avoiding discussing politics at their gatherings.

---

## **Less than half of Americans**

# **attend church at Christmas**

January 6, 2025

As Americans make their Christmas plans, slightly less than half say they usually attend a church service during the holiday season.

---

# **Signing church services for the Deaf is a work of love**

January 6, 2025

The Deaf Bible Society, a nonprofit that works to make the Bible accessible to Deaf people, lists nearly 30 houses of worship in the state that are “Deaf Churches” (led by Deaf people) or “Interpreted Churches.”

---

# **Bible study offers antidote to loneliness, study shows**

January 6, 2025

The Bible protects against what the U.S. surgeon general has termed an “epidemic of loneliness” as harmful to health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day, the American Bible Society said in releasing its latest chapter of the 2024 State of the Bible.

---

# **How churches can provide respite for special needs families**

January 6, 2025

Offering times of respite can be an opportunity for parents of special needs kids to reconnect with their other children and for spouses to spend time together. Churches can play a crucial role in providing this support and rest.

---

# **Porn use grows among Christians, study says**

January 6, 2025

Christian men and women use pornography more today than in 2016 when Barna spotlighted the sin among pastors and congregants, an updated study found.