

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

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

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

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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.

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

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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.

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

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

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

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“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.

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

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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.

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# **Less than half of Americans attend church at Christmas**

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

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# **Signing church services for the**

# **Deaf is a work of love**

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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.”

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

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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.

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

# families

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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.

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

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

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## **Churchgoers want to hear pastors address current issues**

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American churchgoers are looking for more than biblical explanation from their pastor each week. Many say they expect the sermons to help them

understand and address modern cultural issues.