

Downtown churches bloom where they're planted

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Downtown churches are an idea whose time has come, some observe. The revitalization of America's urban cores have positioned these congregations in some of the country's most energetic neighborhoods.

The Voice Bible translation focuses on dialogue

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The name "Christ" doesn't appear in The Voice, a new translation of the Bible. Nor do words such as angel or apostle. Instead, angel is rendered as "messenger" and apostle as "emissary." Jesus Christ is "Jesus the Anointed One" or the "liberating king."

Singer/ songwriter balances

ministry and motherhood

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Singer/songwriter Christy Nockels has lightened her touring schedule, now that she has three young children.

Your church has committed to staying put. Now what?

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Choosing to remain in its downtown setting may be one of the most significant decisions a church makes. But that's not the end of the story, according to pastors of several central city congregations, who suggested several next steps.

Clear identity crucial for downtown churches

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Clarifying its identity is essential for a church committed to remaining in a downtown setting, congregational consultants and pastors of vibrant in-

town churches observe.

Faith Digest: Belief in God declining worldwide

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Belief in God is declining slowly in most countries around the world, according to a new poll, but true believers still can be found in developing countries and Catholic societies.

Women find a friend in the Apostle Paul, Truett professor says

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Contrary to popular opinion, women not only have a friend in Jesus, but also find a friend in the Apostle Paul, seminary professor Todd Still told a recent conference sponsored by Christians for Biblical Equality.

Race & Faith

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Periodically, racial tensions that have simmered beneath the surface bubble up, some Christian leaders note, illustrating just how far-removed modern America is from the "beloved community" envisioned by Martin Luther King Jr.

Ministry enables amputees to stand with hope

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Gracie Rosenberger her husband Peter founded Standing with Hope, a non-profit that provides Ghana's National Health Service with prosthetic limbs for those who might not be able to afford them.

Merging churches across racial

lines demands work

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The historically black St. Paul Missionary Baptist in Louisville, Ky., and the predominately white Shively Heights Baptist merged to create a blended congregation in August 2009. It's worked amazingly well, but it's hard work, participants say.

Veteran minister reflects on losses in African-American church life

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After more than five decades of ministry, George Harrison, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church-NBC in Waco and a veteran church musician, understands what African-American Christians have gained and lost in the last half-century.

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The British government has fast-tracked a move to restore the rights of towns and cities to hold prayers as part of their official business, effectively overriding a High Court order to stop the practice.