

# **Federal court upholds Texas Ten Commandments law**

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Louisiana and Texas attorney generals can proceed in requiring public classrooms to display the Ten Commandments, a federal court has ruled, as Arkansas and Ohio wrangle over similar laws.

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# **Historically Black churches receive millions in grants**

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Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church are among 33 Black churches receiving millions of dollars for preservation of their sacred and historic buildings.

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# **Jesse Jackson, civil rights leader, dies at 84**

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The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., civil rights activist who twice vied for the

Democratic presidential nomination, died Feb. 17 at age 84.

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## **Churches burned in 2006 mark 20 years of God's blessings**

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More than 100 people from Alabama and Mississippi gathered recently at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Panola to mark the 20th anniversary of what Pastor Bob Little calls "a blessing in the blaze."

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## **White Christian support for Trump falls**

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A new report from Pew Research found white Christians are losing confidence in President Trump's policies.

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# **Texas CLC responds to racist White House post**

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Texas Baptists' Christian Life Commission and other Texas Baptists' ministry leaders condemned a racist online post depicting former President Barack Obama and former First Lady Michelle Obama.

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# **Evangelicals divided over immigration tension**

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Evangelicals are increasingly divided over immigration, as faith-based advocacy to "welcome the stranger" faces backlash.

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# **Walker accepts religious freedom advisory role**

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Former North Carolina Baptist pastor and congressman Mark Walker announced Thursday, Jan. 8, he has accepted a new role within the Trump

administration focused on advancing religious liberty around the world.

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## **Richard Smallwood, ‘Total Praise’ writer, dies at 77**

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Richard Smallwood, a singer and pianist best known for his contemporary gospel music hit “Total Praise,” died Tuesday, Dec. 30.

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## **Turning Point USA event exposes rifts in Christian right**

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Speakers at AmericaFest in Phoenix painted Charlie Kirk as a spiritual unifier who connected disparate parts of the American right and reached out to progressives.

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# **Clergy Act advances from House committee**

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The House Ways and Means Committee unanimously voted to advance the Clergy Act, H.R. 227, which would provide ministers who opted out of Social Security a one-time window to opt back in.

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# **Doug Wilson demonstrates growing national influence**

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Critics say Christ Church's renown has less to do with God than with Pastor Doug Wilson's dedication to Christian nationalism and his ties to like-minded officials in the Trump administration and among its allies.