

House bill bans transgender students from girls' sports

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Speaker Mike Johnson celebrated the House passage of a bill banning transgender students from girls' sports on Jan. 14 by linking opposition to transgender rights with a passage from the biblical book of Genesis.

BJC brief challenges Louisiana Ten Commandments law

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The Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty and several other religious groups filed a brief Jan. 6 challenging a Louisiana law that mandates displaying the Ten Commandments in public school classrooms.

Jimmy Carter's life celebrated at state funeral

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A prestigious group of mourners, including a slate of current, former and

future presidents and vice presidents, assembled in the Washington National Cathedral on Jan. 9 for the state funeral of President Jimmy Carter.

Dignitaries laud Jimmy Carter as ‘good and faithful servant’

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Scores of lawmakers and other dignitaries huddled together in the U.S. Capitol rotunda Jan. 7 for a memorial service honoring former President Jimmy Carter.

Blowback after Johnson misattributes prayer to Jefferson

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On officially accepting his post, newly reelected House Speaker Mike Johnson recited a prayer he attributed to Thomas Jefferson, saying the third president prayed it every day. Johnson had hardly finished his speech when the debunking began.

Congress more diverse, but most identify as Christian

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A new Pew Research Center report on the religious composition of the 119th session of Congress reveals the majority of its members identify as Christian and 75 are Baptist.

Biden commutes sentences of 37 on federal death row

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Prior to Christmas, President Joe Biden commuted the sentences of all but three people on federal death row, converting their sentences to life in prison.

Jimmy Carter, beloved Sunday school teacher, ex-president, dead at 100

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Jimmy Carter, who died Dec. 29, at age 100, will be remembered as the 39th president of the United States and the world's most famous Sunday school teacher.

Faith leaders urge Biden to empty federal death row

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A group of faith leaders, activists, law enforcement officials and families of murder victims called on President Joe Biden to spare the lives of about 40 inmates currently on death row in federal prisons.

Law barring religious colleges

from program challenged

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Some Minnesota Christian parents are challenging a state law that blocks certain Christian colleges from a program that allows colleges to enroll high schoolers in tuition-free college credit courses.

Associate pastor from Plano nominated for HUD secretary

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An associate pastor at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano is poised to return to the White House as part of the Trump administration with the nomination of Scott Turner for secretary of HUD.

Anti-terror financing bill may punish nonprofits

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Over the objections of religious groups, the U.S. House of Representatives approved a bill that would enable the secretary of the Treasury to rescind the tax-exempt status of any nonprofits the secretary concludes are

“terrorist-supporting organizations.”