### Most in U.S. say abortions should be illegal after first trimester

July 2, 2021

At least 65 percent of Americans believe abortion should be illegal in most cases after the first three months of pregnancy, according to a new poll designed to be representative of the national population.

## Supreme Court denies NAMB petition to review case

July 2, 2021

The U.S. Supreme Court denied a petition by the North American Mission Board to review its ongoing case involving a lawsuit filed by a former Baptist state executive director.

#### **Court rules in favor of Catholic**

### agency in foster care dispute

July 2, 2021

In a unanimous decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Philadelphia cannot exclude Catholic Social Services from its foster care program because the agency does not place children in same-sex households.

### Prayer part of Unknown Soldier's precarious journey home

July 2, 2021

The USS Olympia carried not only sailors and Marines but a special cargo. On the weather deck, the top level of the steel warship, was the casket of the Unknown Soldier.

### Supreme Court agrees to hear abortion case

July 2, 2021 The U.S. Supreme Court will hear a case involving a challenge to a Mississippi law prohibiting most abortions after the 15th week of pregnancy, a move that could have nationwide implications.

# State Department promises devotion to religious liberty

July 2, 2021

State Department officials sought to provide assurances the Biden administration will maintain the United States' commitment to international religious freedom in commenting on the latest annual report on the issue.

# Bush seeks to humanize immigration debate

July 2, 2021

Rather than engage in policy debates about immigration, former President George W. Bush said he wanted to "paint a positive picture"—quite literally—of immigrants that "rises above the noise" and humanizes a complex issue.

#### Refugee advocates commend Biden for increased goal

July 2, 2021

Evangelical Christian and other advocates for refugee resettlement applauded President Biden's increase of this year's admission cap after objecting to his much lower goal less than three weeks ago.

### Francis Collins: 'Love your neighbor,' get COVID-19 vaccine

July 2, 2021

Evangelical Christian Francis Collins, the director of the National Institutes of Health, urged his fellow evangelicals—many of whom have resisted the COVID-19 vaccine—to get the shot and encourage others to do the same.

### CDC: Masked, vaccinated people can worship indoors safely

July 2, 2021

The director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention loosened the agency's social distancing recommendations, saying fully vaccinated people who wear masks can safely attend many indoor events such as worship services.

# Health care and faith leaders join in vaccine distribution

July 2, 2021

Religious leaders have opened houses of worship as clinics for COVID-19 vaccinations or acted as go-betweens, referring people who have had limited opportunities to get COVID-19 shots in their arms.

### **Evangelicals wait for Biden to fulfill promise on refugees**

July 2, 2021

Evangelical Christian and other advocates for refugee resettlement in the United States are waiting to see if the Biden administration will fulfill its latest commitment, following what they described as a disappointing failure by the president.