

Muslim refugees to US are declining as Christians overtake them

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Christians made up the majority of refugees admitted to the United States in the first five full months of the Trump administration, reversing a trend that saw Muslims entering the country at higher numbers under President Obama, a new Pew Research report shows.

Ruling on public funds for church playground draws varied responses

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The U.S. Supreme Court ruled states sometimes must make public funds available to religious organizations, a decision some Baptists hailed as a victory for religious freedom and others saw as chipping away at the wall of separation between church and state that protects religious liberty.

No major U.S. religious groups approve refusing service to homosexuals

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Overall in 2016, twice as many Americans disapproved than approved of those who refuse service to a gay person based on religious beliefs—61 percent to 30 percent

Note to your church: Raise \$714,000/year to offset Trump budget cuts

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Churches can't "pick up the slack" left by President Trump's proposed federal budget, Bread for the World's David Beckmann insists.

Evangelical leaders push for criminal justice reform

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Evangelical Christian leaders are spearheading a campaign for criminal justice reform, calling for equitable punishment, alternatives to incarceration and a different take on the “tough on crime” language of the Trump administration.

Truett’s Gregory comforts mourners remembering ‘Emanuel Nine’

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Truett Seminary preaching professor Joel Gregory preached a message of comfort for Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C., on the second anniversary of the shooting there. He urged worshippers to “cling to what is good” despite the evil.

‘Marches against Shariah’ held in two dozen cities

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ACT for America sponsored “Marches against Shariah” in two dozen cities around the country, including outside the Islamic Association of North Texas in Richardson.

Baptists blast Sanders for imposing religious test

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Baptist leaders decried Sen. Bernie Sanders’ stated opposition to a White House nominee based on the candidate’s comments about Islam.

‘Time to put a stop to attacks on religion,’ Trump says

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President Donald Trump told an assembly of evangelical Christians he would continue to restore the religious liberty many of them feel they’ve lost.

Former ERLC legislative counsel joins Trump administration

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Shannon Royce, a former leader at the Family Research Council and the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, has been appointed as the Trump administration's director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Laity, clergy urged to protect churches from partisan politics

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Leaders of congregations—both laity and clergy alike—can endorse a letter providing broad support for the longstanding law that keeps politics out of America's pulpits.

Trump's religious liberty executive order draws fire from left and right

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President Donald Trump marked the National Day of Prayer by signing an executive order supporters called a "first step" to promote religious freedom but church-state separationists criticized as an attempt to turn congregations into partisan political action committees.