

Election campaign makes some evangelicals reject name

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Russell Moore, president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the SBC, caused a stir this election season when he said he no longer wanted to be called an “evangelical Christian.” But an evangelical identity crisis has been simmering for some time.

Christians pray for refugees as Syrian civil war enters sixth year

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As the civil war in Syria entered its sixth year, Christians across the United States took to prayer.

Future of Texas abortion case at

crossroads

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After years battling hundreds of restrictions imposed by conservative state legislatures, proponents of abortion rights could be on the verge of a big victory, a small defeat or a do-over.

Supreme Court hears arguments on Texas abortion clinics case

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The Supreme Court's liberal justices seemed united in March 2 arguments that Texas' abortion regulations are an unconstitutional burden on a woman's right to an abortion, but Justice Anthony Kennedy, who holds the key vote, questioned whether there was enough evidence to make such a finding. **(The Washington Post)**

Franklin Graham insists he

cares more about winning hearts than votes

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At 63, fiery evangelist and social conservative Franklin Graham still is a “black sheep” who doesn’t travel with the speak-nice flock.

Most in U.S. oppose religious exemptions to LGBT nondiscrimination laws

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Most Americans oppose religious exemptions to homosexual nondiscrimination laws, according to a new survey.

Politics divides American views of Muslims, Islam and

extremists

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Republicans and Democrats divide sharply over views on Islam, Muslims and how a U.S. president should label violent extremists.

Muslim Americans involved in terrorism up, but threat exaggerated

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The number of Muslim Americans involved in terrorism cases “rose dramatically” in 2015, but the overall threat they posed to public safety has been exaggerated, says the author of a new terrorism study.

Protestant pastors undecided about presidential pick

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“Undecided” is by far the most popular presidential choice of America’s Protestant pastors, according to a telephone survey of 1,000 senior pastors

from LifeWay Research.

Voters warm to candidates who are not religious

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On the growing list of ways the “outsiders” election of 2016 is upsetting conventional political wisdom, here’s a new entry: A contender’s lack of strong faith is not the deal breaker it once was for voters, according to a new survey.

RNC disinvites debate moderator after Trump takedown

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Contributors to an online symposium on why conservatives shouldn’t support Donald Trump included SBC agency head Russell Moore. **From BNG**

Religious groups challenge contraceptive mandate in Supreme Court brief

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Several religious nonprofits, including GuideStone Financial Resources, claim Obamacare violates their religious liberty. **From BNG**