

Hobby Lobby wins legal appeal

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The Southern Baptist owners of Hobby Lobby won't have to pay millions of dollars in fines, thanks to a federal appeals court ruling June 27 allowing the Oklahoma-based retailer to proceed with its lawsuit challenging Obamacare.

Feds release first guidelines for confronting a church shooter

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For the first time, the federal government has issued written guidelines for houses of worship confronted with a homicidal gunman.

Analysis: Religious conservatives ponder next move

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Twin Supreme Court rulings that further opened the door for same-sex marriage in the United States were not entirely unexpected. The real question is what opponents of same-sex marriage will do now.

Hispanic ministers press lawmakers on immigration reform

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With a July 4 deadline looming for an immigration reform vote on Capitol Hill, politicians and clergy at the National Hispanic Prayer Breakfast pushed lawmakers to reach common ground.

Religious freedom panel lacks real power, activists insist

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Fifteen years after Congress created an independent watchdog panel to oversee global religious freedom, the panel has little power and little influence, activists told lawmakers.

Gay marriage inevitable? Most Americans think so

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Close to three-fourths of Americans say legal recognition of same-sex marriage is “inevitable,” according to a new survey by the Pew Research Center.

Faith prompted Emancipation Proclamation, scholar insists

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A “profound spiritual odyssey” prompted Abraham Lincoln’s crafting of the Emancipation Proclamation, one of “the most revolutionary documents ever signed by an American president,” a prominent religious historian told a conference on racial reconciliation.

After disasters, Americans turn to God & practice generosity

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When natural disasters occur, most Americans take increased interest in God and donate to relief agencies, a recent survey shows.

Analysis: Is religious freedom report failing the faithful?

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The U.S. State Department missed a key opportunity to put teeth into its annual assessment of global religious freedom.

Supreme Court to hear prayer case

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The Supreme Court agreed May 20 to hear a case centering on whether sectarian prayers at the beginning of official government meetings violate the First Amendment—an issue that has roiled local governing and school boards for years.

TBM command team to

Oklahoma, others prepare

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(UPDATED) Texas Baptist Men plans to send a team to Shawnee, Okla., Wednesday to relieve Oklahoma Baptists who had been responding to a previous tornado there.

Analysis: Will Gosnell verdict change abortion debate?

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Fervent prayers by abortion opponents for a game-changing impact from the conviction of rogue abortionist Kermit Gosnell may go unanswered for a variety of reasons.