

Supreme Court tosses Plano 'Christian candy cane' case

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An appeal over Christmas sweets turned bitter June 11 when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the so-called "Christian candy cane" case.

Churches tread lightly on politics in 2012 election

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With the 2012 election just a few months away, congregations are getting the message that Americans want religion out of politics. But that doesn't mean they plan to keep mum in the public square.

One in six U.S. voters still thinks Obama's a Muslim-and

he's not

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After nearly four years in the Oval Office, President Obama is incorrectly thought to be Muslim by one in six American voters, and only one quarter of voters can correctly identify him as a Protestant, according to a new poll.

Americans divided on viewing homosexual behavior as sin

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Americans are split on whether homosexual behavior is a sin, and many do not appreciate if a church teaches it is sinful, according to a recent survey conducted by LifeWay Research.

Evangelicals say it's time for frank talk about sex

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The statistics, some evangelicals say, no longer can be ignored. Eighty percent of young evangelicals have engaged in premarital sex, and almost a

third of evangelicals' unplanned pregnancies end in abortion.

Is 2012 election the Mormon's JFK moment?

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With his path now clear to the Republican nomination, Mitt Romney is on the verge of becoming the first Mormon to head a major party's presidential ticket, a new milestone in America's embrace of religious groups that once were shunned by society.

Chuck Colson, redeemed felon & evangelical icon, dies at 80

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Charles Colson, the Watergate felon who became an evangelical icon and born-again advocate for prisoners, died April 21 after a brief illness. He was 80.

Land issues back-to-back apologies for Trayvon Martin comments

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The head of Southern Baptists' Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission issued back-to-back apologies regarding statements he made on his radio program about the shooting of Trayvon Martin. Richard Land apologized both for offense caused by the remarks and for lifting some of the comments word-for-word from published materials without attributing their source.

Church giving on the rebound, report says

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The recession and a sluggish recovery have made for a lighter collection plate in recent years, but a new study shows that giving to U.S. congregations bounced back in 2011 as the economy improved. According to the fourth annual State of the Plate survey, 51 percent of churches last year saw an increase in giving, up from 43 percent in 2010 and 36 percent in 2009.

Churches lost \$1.2 billion in recession

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Even as membership remains relatively stable in U.S. churches, the effects of the recession have caused contributions to drop by \$1.2 billion.

White House offers to expand exemptions in birth control mandate

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The Obama administration is offering to expand the number of faith-based groups that can be exempt from the controversial contraception mandate and proposing that third-party companies administer coverage for self-insured faith-based groups at no cost.

Obama appeals to 'social gospel'

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President Obama denied March 12 that he is “waging a war on religion,” citing his own work as a community organizer before entering politics as part of the “social gospel.”