

Supreme Court sides with Westboro Baptist Church

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The United States Supreme Court ruled 8-1 on March 2 that anti-gay protests outside of military funerals by a controversial Kansas Baptist church are protected speech under the First Amendment.

Most Americans support upcoming congressional probe of Muslims

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Americans haven't heard much about congressional hearings on the radicalization of U.S. Muslims, but more than half think it's a good idea, and nearly as many believe Muslims here haven't done enough to fight extremists in their midst, according to a new poll.

National debt a new hot issue for evangelicals

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As Washington debates President Obama's proposed 2012 budget, the immorality of the deficit has become the hot topic on right-leaning Christian blogs, radio programs and political mailings.

Church membership trends unchanged

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Pentecostals, Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses gained ground, mainline churches continued to decline and growth in the largest two denominations — Roman Catholics and Southern Baptists — remained stagnant, according to new statistics compiled by the National Council of Churches.

Initial picks for faith-based

panel light on Baptists

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President Obama's first dozen appointees to the next President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships were heavy on mainline Protestants but light on Baptists.

At prayer breakfast, Obama discusses personal faith

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President Obama spoke at length Feb. 3 about the daily contours of his Christian faith, brushing off the skeptics who question the authenticity of his beliefs.

Rosa Parks enshrined in stone

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Six feet above the vaulted entranceway to Washington National Cathedral, the rough contours of Rosa Parks' face are taking shape.

Senator concludes probe of ministry finances, calls for self-reform

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Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa has concluded a three-year probe into alleged lavish spending at six major broadcast ministries and asked a prominent evangelical group to study ways to spur self-reform among religious groups.

Q & A: Melissa Rogers on religious liberty

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Melissa Rogers, a veteran religious-liberty attorney and nationally recognized expert in church-state law, is director of the Center for Religion and Public Affairs at the Wake Forest University School of Divinity. In an e-mail interview, she reflects on some of the major developments in her field over the last decade and where things might go in the decade that just began.

Church-state scholar objects to 'Christian Right' designation

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Observers of religion in public life have been scratching their heads about inclusion of a Baptist scholar known for advocating the separation of church and state in a recent *Newsweek* magazine article titled "Faces of the Christian Right."