

Evangelicals pray for people economically affected by Gulf oil spill

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The National Association of Evangelicals and Evangelical Environmental Network set aside Sunday, July 18, as a "National Day of Prayer for the Gulf."

BJC files brief opposing sectarian prayer at government meetings

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The Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty filed legal papers July 6 arguing that inviting religious leaders to invoke sectarian prayers at North Carolina county's board of commissioners meetings is unconstitutional.

Justices say Christian club not exempt from law school's policy

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A closely divided Supreme Court, in a June 28 ruling that resolved few major constitutional questions, said the University of California's law school could refuse to offer the benefits of official registration to a Christian student group because the club discriminates on the basis of religion and sexual orientation.

BJC supporters warned of "Christian nationalists," honor Gardner Taylor

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Culture warriors who contend that the United States is a "Christian nation" gravely endanger freedoms sacred to both Christianity and the nation, Mercer University President Bill Underwood warned supporters of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty June 25.

Rosaries a popular gang tool, but not as an aid to prayer

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Gang members are using rosary beads for identification, and school crackdowns on the practice are raising questions of religious freedom.

Obama nominates Baptist pastor, speaker to be religious- freedom ambassador

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President Obama has responded to more than a year of speculation and criticism among advocates for international religious freedom by naming an American Baptist pastor and motivational speaker as the nation's top diplomat for religious freedom.

Medical-experimentation

allegations spur new calls for torture inquest

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New allegations that physicians working for the United States government engaged in medical experimentation on terrorism suspects has led a group of religious leaders to, once again, demand that President Obama convene a high-profile panel to investigate the subject.

Memorial cross at center of recent Supreme Court case reportedly stolen

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A cross in the middle of the Mojave Desert that inspired a passionate Supreme Court debate about religious freedom reportedly has been stolen.

Kagan's views on church-

state, social issues largely unknown

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President Obama's latest Supreme Court nominee Solicitor General Elena Kagan has an exceedingly thin paper trail on some of the legal questions most important to people of faith.

Obama, Billy Graham meet at evangelist's home

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President Obama and ailing evangelist Billy Graham exchanged prayers during their first meeting recently at Graham's home in western North Carolina.

Obama proclaims National Day

of Prayer despite court ruling

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President Obama has followed through on his promise to declare May 6 the National Day of Prayer despite a controversial April 15 ruling by a federal judge who said the government encouraging its citizens to pray violates the First Amendment.

Church-state separationists relieved, displeased by desert- cross decision

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A divided Supreme Court rendered a complex decision April 28 on the fate of a lonely cross in the California desert. The decision — the first major church-state case of Chief Justice John Roberts' tenure — upset religious-freedom advocates but heartened religious conservatives.