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While the U.S. Constitution specifically mandates no religious litmus test should be used to determine who holds office, Christians still grapple with how—and if—their faith should inform their choice in candidates. And they often use the Bible to back their decisions.

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# Hobby Lobby family plans to give away free campus

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The billionaire Oklahoma family that owns the Hobby Lobby craft store chain wants to give away a majestic Massachusetts campus built in 1879 by legendary evangelist D.L. Moody.

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# Texas Baptists urged to remain

# ‘UnApologetic’ about faith

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Lee Strobel at the the UnApologetic conference explained how he realized it would "take more faith to maintain my atheism than to become a Christian."

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# BUBBA among rejected SBC names

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As the Southern Baptist Convention recently weighed changing its name, denominational leaders were bombarded with suggestions—hundreds of them.

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# Rick Warren finds new purpose in weight loss

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Megachurch Pastor Rick Warren has become an outsized evangelical superstar as best-selling author of *The Purpose Driven Life* series, pastoral

mentor and even political referee. Now, Warren is finding a new purpose—tackling his outsized waistline.

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# Politics & Media: Learn to recognize bias, determine reliability

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Voters need to be aware of their own biases, including those in their own faith tradition. Then they also must look for the bias that the media they use also likely will reflect.

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# Bearing false witness still a sin, even in campaign season

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When a politically volatile email arrives warning Christians about some elected official's action or some candidate's position that sounds so horrible it's hard to believe—don't believe it, some pastors suggest. And for heaven's sake, don't forward it.

# Faith & politics: Making choices in a fallen world

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Christians should be realistic in their expectations when it comes to finding a candidate whose values mirror their own.

# Amarillo church creates climate that nurtures ministers

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Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo has become a missions launching pad. The church licensed 20 students to the ministry in the last six years. At least a half-dozen more young men who attended the church through high school have been licensed by other churches, and at least a half-dozen couples serve as missionaries.

# Louisiana College sues over contraceptive mandate

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A Baptist college in Louisiana is suing the federal government over a requirement that religious schools and hospitals cover contraceptives in insurance for their employees, including birth control pills that induce abortion.

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# Church-state tension inherent in health-care system, expert says

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A Baptist church-state scholar says religious liberty concerns about new coverage mandates come with the territory in America's employer-based health insurance system.

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# Young singer finds strength and stability in Christ

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Jamie-Grace Harper's Grammy Award-nominated contemporary Christian song, "Hold Me," grows from her own experience of God's sustaining grace as she has struggled with Tourette syndrome.