

# **Churchgoers want to hear pastors address current issues**

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American churchgoers are looking for more than biblical explanation from their pastor each week. Many say they expect the sermons to help them understand and address modern cultural issues.

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# **Percentage of 'Nones' flatlines for third consecutive year**

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The percentage of U.S. adults not affiliated with a religion has flatlined at 26 percent since 2022 after decades of growth, the American Bible Society said in its latest release from the 2024 State of the Bible.

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# **Scholars and family: Stop taking Bonhoeffer's name in**

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Author Eric Metaxas and some other supporters of Donald Trump have compared themselves to the famed German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was put to death for taking part in a plan to assassinate Adolph Hitler.

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## **Kingdom focus at upcoming BGCT annual meeting**

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Messengers and guests from churches across the state will gather Nov. 10-12 in Waco for the 139th BGCT annual meeting.

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## **‘Historical wormholes’ shed light on larger story**

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Preaching from a passage recounting the passing of the prophetic mantle from Elijah to Elisha, the field coordinator for CBF Texas encouraged women in ministry to draw strength from the bigger picture.

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# **Amanda Tyler denounces Christian nationalism as idolatry**

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Christian nationalism threatens democracy and substitutes coercive idolatry for authentic faith, Amanda Tyler, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, told a gathering at a North Texas church.

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# **Religious right leaders reckon with GOP pivot on abortion**

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Since July, when the Republican National Committee dropped a federal abortion ban from its national platform, several traditional religious right leaders have suggested they have been betrayed.

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# **Christian nationalism growing among Hispanic Protestants**

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Over the last year and a half, surveys have tracked a significant rise in support for Christian nationalism among U.S. Hispanic Protestants, even as support for the ideology has remained fairly stable among other Christian groups.

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# **Churches called to ‘break the chains’ of family violence**

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Given the prevalence of family violence and human trafficking in Texas, every faith community will encounter survivors, participants in a Texas Department of Family and Protective Services webinar learned.

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# **Follow God’s call at any age,**

# refugee advocate urges

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Carla Cochrane said she first felt a call to learn more about asylum seekers in May 2019.

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# How to reject purity culture but keep your faith

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Psychologist Camden Margaret understands the repercussions of what she describes as purity culture's false promises. But rather than rejecting her Christian faith, reckoning with purity culture's negative impact has made her more certain of what she believes and why.

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# Obituary: Douglas Edward Pond

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Douglas Edward Pond of Temple, former Texas Baptist pastor and retired U.S. Army chaplain, died Oct. 12. He was 90.