

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.

Unfamiliar practices may bring unexpected benefits to churches

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Introducing unfamiliar practices to church members can be challenging, but congregations often are far less resistant than expected, according to some pastors who have tried it.

Whatâ€™s the skinny on Lent?

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Maundy *what?* To get the real skinny on Lent and all its terms and liturgies you need to dive into church history.

Writer explores array of ancient spiritual practices for believers today

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Want to spend the weeks prior to Easter exploring spiritual disciplines but aren't sure where to start?

DBU inaugurates first endowed professorship

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Dallas Baptist University marked a milestone in missions education Feb. 17, when it inaugurated the Piper Chair of Missions—the first endowed

professorship in the school's history.

Cowboy churches follow the hoofprints, going where cowboys gather

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At the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo exhibit hall, where a “howdy” is more common than a “hello,” throngs of people in cowboy hats and boots move from one display to another, looking at clothes, candies, toffees and western paraphernalia. But one booth offers an opportunity none of the others do—a chance to engage in a relationship with Christ.

Are religious people easy targets for scams?

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A Christian radio host in Minnesota took in \$190 million in a three-year scam, and thousands of Utah Mormons were conned out of an estimated \$1.4 billion. Is it simply too easy for con artists to prey on people of faith?

Texas legislature may cut all funds for professional prison chaplains

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In the wake of a significant budget deficit, Texas lawmakers are considering eliminating all professional prison chaplains, a move that could significantly affect the way volunteers from churches minister in that arena.

No black and white answers to lack of diversity among atheists

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Last year, Dallas atheist Alix Jules helped launch a local initiative to address what atheists regard as an international problem for their movement—a lack of racial and gender diversity.

Texas Baptists make views known to lawmakers about payday lending

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Some Texas Baptists continued their legislative fight against what they call the “predatory” lending practices of payday and auto-title lenders, testifying before the state Senate Committee on Business and Commerce.

TV jamming in Middle East affects Christian network

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A satellite television network for and run by Christians in the Middle East said Feb. 24 that programming thought to have been blocked by Libya has been restored.

To help in Middle East:

Encourage U.S. to advocate for values

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As the Middle East writhes in birth pains to deliver something yet undefined, a scholar who specializes in faith and global politics says Christians in America should speak boldly on behalf of the values that Arab populations are risking their lives to obtain.