

Faith Digest: Methodists study healthy churches

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United Methodists have recently concluded a study of more than 32,000 Methodist congregations across North America, seeking the key factors affecting vital congregations.

Do all dogs go to heaven? New books seem to think so

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About 170 million cats and dogs in the United States have found a place in the homes of American pet owners. And many whose pets have died have wondered if their beloved animal companions will be waiting for them in heaven.

Abortion strains religious-

government aid coalition

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Abstinence advocates say their approach to preventing AIDS, favored by conservative policy makers, has fallen out of favor with the Obama administration. As a consequence, many abstinence-based organizations aren't eligible for the same grants they once received.

Catholics in Nagaland claim persecution by Baptists

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Baptists in Nagaland defended themselves against charges of anti-Catholic bigotry after villagers tore down a Catholic church because the town allows churches only of the Baptist denomination. The controversy has generated widespread media attention pitting Catholics against the Nagaland Baptist Church Council.

On the Move

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Doug Beck to First Church in Dorchester as pastor.

Around the State

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Moises Rodriguez has been named the first full-time director of Baptist University of the Americas' Baptist Bible Institute.

Group demands apology for religious teaching that denigrates women

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A group of women and men calling themselves the Freedom for Christian Women Coalition has demanded an apology for religious teaching they say is harmful to women. Shirley Taylor, founder of Baptist Women for Equality, presented the *Demand for an Apology from the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* at a July 24 meeting in Orlando, Fla.

Jimmy Carter credits Baptist preacher for his election as president

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Jimmy Carter said July 23 he doubts he would have been elected 39th president of the United States without the aid of Jimmy Allen, a Texas Baptist preacher who endorsed him at a time when his 1976 presidential campaign was floundering.

Plainview church, family part of miracle for Kenyan

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A Kenyan track athlete at Wayland Baptist University was crushed when doctors found a heart problem that could have kept him out of competition. But with help from a Plainview couple and their church, he's been able to take it all in stride—literally.

DBU tennis teams share gospel in England

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The Dallas Baptist University Men and Women's Patriot tennis teams taught tennis lessons, volunteered in church-sponsored ministries and shared their faith during an international mission trip to the Tees Valley of northern England.

Rick Warren hospitalized with eye injury

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Southern Baptist mega-church pastor and Purpose Driven Life author Rick Warren was recovering at home July 22 after being hospitalized overnight with eye injuries he suffered while gardening.

Columbaria bring members of

church family home for final rest

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Historically, cemeteries often were adjacent to the church. But because land now is expensive and in short supply, churches are turning to columbaria—places to inurn the remains of those who have died and had their bodies cremated.