

# **Seminaries not preparing pastors to minister to disabled, some assert**

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An expert in the field of disability ministry says theological seminaries are doing little to prepare ministers to deal with the estimated one in five Americans living with some kind of disability.

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# **Welcoming people with special needs can mean spiritual, numerical growth**

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Churches that do a good job of including members with special needs like autism often reap side benefits of a positive witness to their community and sometimes even numerical growth, says an expert in disability ministries.

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# **First person: Anybody can be a friend**

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Not everyone has the expertise or ability to do something significant about a problem as big as helping families deal with disabilities, but “anybody can be a friend.”

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# **Author describes what having an autistic child taught her about God**

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Kathleen Deyer Bolduc, a nationally recognized author and speaker in the field of disability ministry, said she was unprepared to parent a special-needs child before the birth of her third son.

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# **Barriers of attitude block**

# **people with disabilities from full inclusion in churches**

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A longtime advocate for people with disabilities said the greatest barriers to including special-needs individuals in churches are not architectural or language but rather barriers of attitude.

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## **Around the State**

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The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor awarded its first doctoral degrees during spring commencement ceremonies. Six students earned doctoral degrees, 21 received master's degrees and 281 earned baccalaureate degrees. Andy Davis, pastor of First Church in Belton, was awarded an honorary doctorate.

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## **'Idaho 10' member blames UNICEF for group's arrest**

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With the last of 10 Southern Baptist mission volunteers released from a

Haitian jail May 17, one of her "Idaho 10" co-laborers is breaking his silence and blames the whole ordeal on meddling by the United Nation's Children Fund, more commonly known as UNICEF.

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## **For shy worshippers, church can be totally overwhelming**

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Recent studies reveal introverts make up roughly half of the population. And an introverted personality can sometimes clash with the prayer-and-share ethos in Christian churches.

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## **Faith Digest: U.S. Catholics vexed at Vatican**

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Nearly three-quarters of Catholics in the United States believe the Vatican tried to cover up clergy sex abuse, and a majority says [Pope Benedict XVI](#) has handled recent reports of past abuse poorly, according to a new poll, but less than 10 percent have considered leaving the Catholic Church over the issue.

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# End of 'Lost' may prompt more questions than answers

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Is it a show about a modern-day shipwreck, featuring misfit castaways trying to survive increasingly bizarre circumstances on an island somewhere in the Pacific Ocean? Or is *Lost* really a show about faith, redemption, evil, predestination, love, suffering, free will and human understanding of the supernatural? Either way, when *Lost* ends its six-season run May 23, what will remain is the debate about the religious themes sprinkled throughout the hit series.

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# Former SBC president nominated to lead Executive Committee

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Former Southern Baptist Convention President Frank Page is being nominated as president of the SBC Executive Committee, one of three key leadership positions in the nation's second-largest faith group in the process of being filled.

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# **Final U.S. Baptist released from Haiti**

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The last of 10 Americans detained while trying to take 33 children out of Haiti following the Jan. 12 earthquake was released May 17 after a judge found her guilty and sentenced her to time already served in jail.