

Author worries online communities are hurting real ones

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Jesse Rice, author of *The Church of Facebook: How the Hyperconnected Are Redefining Community*, warns that the new social media can encourage attitudes and behaviors that don't work as well in real life.

Baptist Briefs: Chile quake devastates churches

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About 250 Baptist churches in Chile were destroyed in the powerful earthquake that shook the country Feb. 27, according to the Baptist World Alliance.

At 100, minister slows down,

but he keeps on serving God

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J.W. Archie, who just turned 100 years old, still performs his usual duties as associate pastor for Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church in Thomas, Ala.

Texas Tidbits

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Baylor University's Bearathon March 20 will be the nation's first cup-free half-marathon—an event to raise scholarship funds for students and promote environmental stewardship.

On the Move

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Jeff Bachman to Martindale Church in Martindale as pastor.

Faith Digest

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One year after a majority of Americans said they hoped the economy wouldn't affect their church giving, three in 10 Americans now say they are putting less in the offering plate, a Barna Group study shows.

Around the State

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The eighth Congreso Hispano de Predication at Baptist University of the Americas will be held March 26-27 and feature an internationally known Mexican pastor and celebrate the ministry of the late Texas Baptist leader Rudy Sanchez.

Faith-based panel recommendations leave some issues unsolved

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A White House advisory council March 9 submitted 164 pages of recommendations on ways the federal government can partner better with

faith-based groups in tackling a host of social problems, from poverty to improving interfaith relations.

Legal expert says remaining Baptist jailed in Haiti likely to be set free

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Unless new charges are filed against her, the last of 10 Southern Baptist mission volunteers jailed in Haiti on suspicion of child kidnapping will have to be released, according to an expert on Haiti's legal system.

Dallas church publicly acknowledges welcoming stance toward gays

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A North Dallas church has changed its website to identify itself as inclusive of varied sexual orientations—a move that potentially could put the church at odds with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Haiti judge frees one Baptist volunteer; leader still jailed

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A judge in Haiti freed one of two remaining Baptist volunteers Monday but kept the group's leader in jail pending further investigation.

Widow shares experience on one-year anniversary of pastor's slaying

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March 8, 2009, started out as a fairly normal Sunday for Cindy Winters. Her husband, Fred, got up early to preach the 8:15 a.m. service at First Baptist Church in Maryville, Ill. One of their daughters rode with her father because she was working in the nursery that morning. Cindy and their other daughter came later. Then the nightmare began.