

Christian Groups Move to Support Defense of Marriage Act

✘ In a move to protect traditional marriage, the Foundation for Moral Law and the Liberty Council are taking support for the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) to the appellate courts.

Passed by Congress in 1996, DOMA defines marriage as a legal union between one man and one woman for purposes of all federal laws, and provides that states need not recognize a marriage from another state if it is between persons of the same sex.

European Parliament Honors Holocaust Victims

✘ The European Parliament honored the victims of the Holocaust this week with the annual International Holocaust Remembrance day event on Tuesday night in Brussels.

The European Coalition for Israel, along with the European Jewish Congress and European Jewish Community Centre, organized the event under the patronage of Jerzy Buzek, president of the European Parliament . The event was held in the presence of the EU High Representatives for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Baroness Catherine Ashton, members of the European Commission and the European Parliament, as well as Holocaust survivors, ambassadors and other invited

guests.

For God So Loved the Super Bowl Viewers...

✘ For some, watching the cool, quirky or comical Super Bowl ads has become as much a part of the show as the halftime entertainment—or even the game itself. Every year, advertisers launch some of their most memorable campaigns during the NFL’s main event.

But this year’s Super Bowl ads won’t be all talking babies and beer commercials. Fixed Point Foundation is launching a new initiative called “LookUp 316.” As part of the initiative, Fixed Point is airing a commercial in Alabama during Super Bowl XLV on Feb. 6, 2011.

Rather than selling a product, advancing a political cause, or promoting an organization, the ad will encourage people to look up John 3:16 and consider its profound message of hope.

Abortionist Lawsuit Aims to Blind Pregnant Mothers

✘ Abortionists have launched a lawsuit against Oklahoma’s new informed consent law.

In April, the Oklahoma Legislature passed an informed consent

provision through an act that requires pregnant women seeking an abortion to undergo an obstetric ultrasound at least one hour prior to having an abortion performed—including any anesthesia or medication taken in preparation of the lethal procedure. During the ultrasound, images of the preborn baby must be displayed and described to the women, unless she declines to see them.

Black Pro-Life Leaders React to Fox Civil Rights Debate

☒ Recently, Rick Santorum and Al Sharpton squared off in a fiery debate about race and abortion on the “Hannity Show” on Fox. Now, black pro-life leaders are weighing in on Santorum and Sharpton’s takes on the controversial subject.

Former Senator Santorum is the chairman of America’s Foundation, a political action committee committed to helping candidates and causes who share his commitment to conservative principles. America’s Foundation believes that U.S. national security must be our foremost priority, free market principles are the most effective way to remedy our ailing economy, and we must protect those who are the most vulnerable.

Al Sharpton is president of the National Action Network, a civil rights organization. Founded in 1991 by Sharpton, the network says it works within the spirit and tradition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to promote a modern civil rights agenda that includes the fight for social justice and one standard of justice and decency for all people regardless of race, religion, national origin, and gender.

Cali School Speaks Out On Brick Paver Controversy

✘ *Charisma* first reported on an alleged [First Amendment violation](#) in a California school Monday. Now, the school district is responding to the charges.

But the Desert Sands Unified School District Board of Education seems confused by an Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) lawsuit defending two California women who's brick pavers were rejected as part of a sidewalk because they were inscribed with the Word of God.

Here's the back story: In February 2010, the Palm Desert High School PTO announced its brick pavers fundraiser, which was approved by the school principal, as well as by the board and superintendent of the school district. No limitations were given as to the content of the messages on the pavers—other than the length—and the fundraiser policy stated that the messages could be used to pay tribute, create a legacy, commemorate a special event, or give recognition to various entities.

Nepal Christians Fight for Burial Rights

Three years after the death of a Christian who was a captain in the Nepal Army, his widow, Gamala Guide, faces fresh grief.

The grave of her husband, Narayan Guide, is threatened with destruction as authorities of Nepal's most powerful Hindu temple are reclaiming the forested land where it is located.

"What kind of strange country is this that doesn't allow its own citizens to rest in peace?" the 55-year-old recently asked leaders of the Christian community in Kathmandu. "Please do something to stop the desecration, or my husband will die a second death."

Ethiopian Muslims: 'Convert, Leave or Die'

 Convert, leave the city or face death.

That's the message Ethiopian Muslims are sending the Christians in Besheno.

According to International Christian Concern (ICC), Muslims are posting notices on the doors of Christian homes. So far, three Christian leaders have reportedly been forced to flee the city and two Christians have been forced to convert to Islam.

Only about 30 Christians remain in the Muslim majority city.

Renowned Prof Challenges Religion-Inspired Promotion Denial

✘ A former atheist is on the offense against a major university that he claims denied him a due promotion because he confesses Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

Mike Adams, a criminology professor at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington (UNCW), is fighting back against what he sees as an unconstitutional move. He argues that his promotion was denied because his application referenced his nationally syndicated opinion columns that espoused religious and political views university officials don't agree with.

Alliance Defense Fund Senior Counsel David French will offer oral arguments at a hearing in Adams v. Board of Trustees of the UNCW on Wednesday. The hearing is an appeal of an unfavorable lower court decision against Adams.

Bible.is Says 'Bienvenido' to Hispanic Christians

✘ Following the smashing success of its audio-based Bible app in English, Faith Comes By Hearing has rolled out a Spanish version. Now, iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch users—as well as Android consumers—can listen to the Bible in Spanish.

Like the English app, the Spanish version allows users to read, listen and share the Bible from mobile devices. The

social media connection empowers friends and family from across the country, or around the world, to engage in God's Word together.

"Listeners will still have access to the many other languages offered on the app, but this version opens the door and welcomes millions of Spanish speakers who may have never found us because they don't speak or read English," says Troy Carl, national director of Faith Comes By Hearing.