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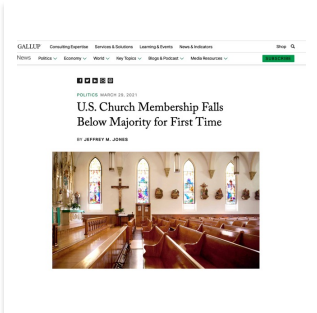
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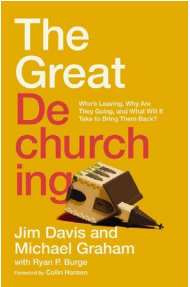
1. Monetize existing church resources
2. Incubate new businesses
3. Non-profits form mission arms of the church
4. Co-vocational pastoring opens multiple income streams
5. Entrepreneurial churches locate church inside the marketplace

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The Problem

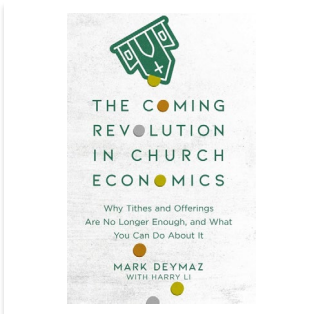


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Shifts in Giving



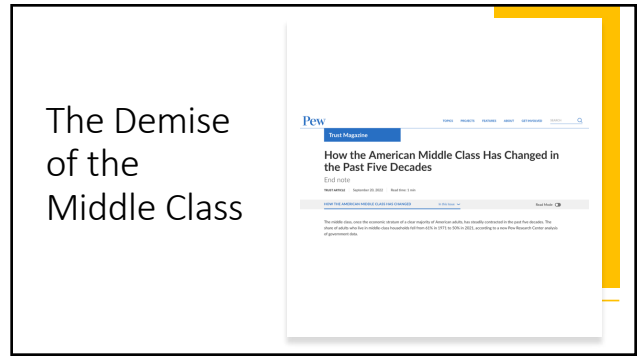
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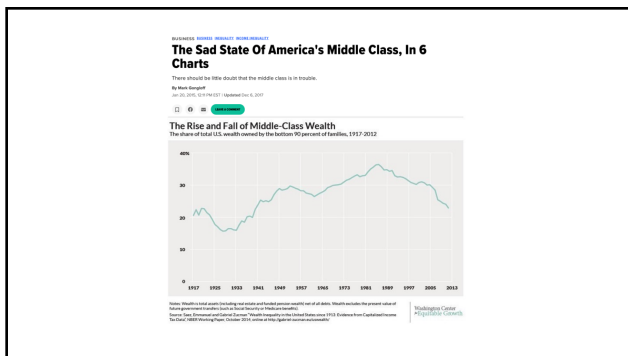
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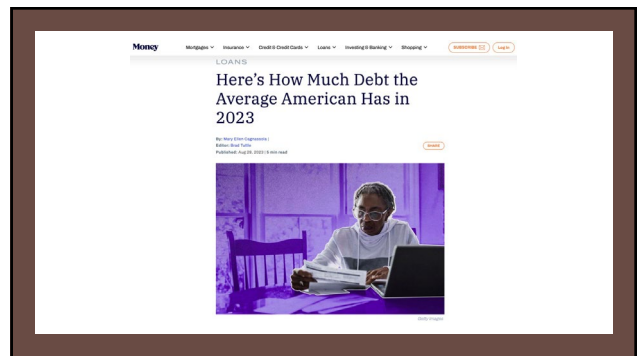
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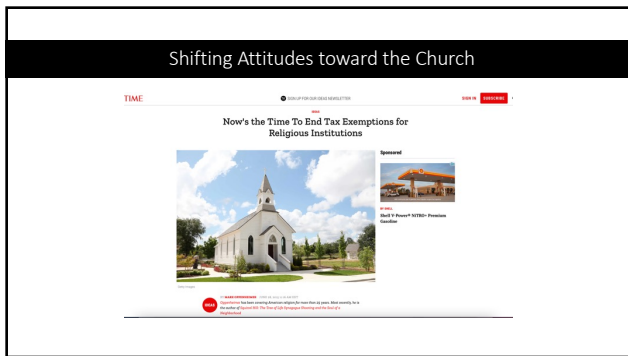
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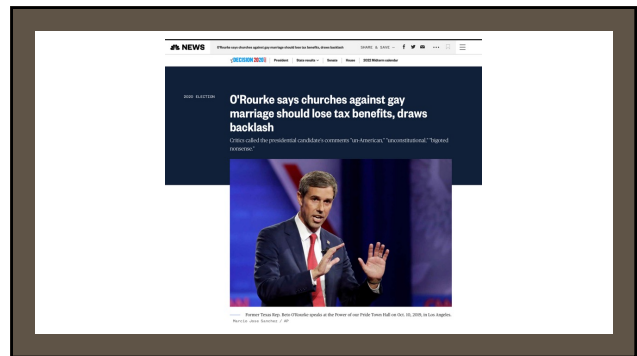
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US churches' federal income tax exemption was not formerly enacted as [legislation](#) until the Tariff Act was passed by Congress in 1894, providing tax exemptions to "corporations, companies, or associations organized and conducted solely for charitable, religious, or educational purposes." This was the first time the federal government declared any group exempt from paying taxes, as opposed to its earlier practice of only listing entities subject to taxation. Although the Tariff Act was declared unconstitutional in 1896, the church tax exemption was reinstated by the Revenue Act of 1913, which defined the modern American income tax system. On Jan. 14, 1924, the US Supreme Court interpreted the reason for the exemption in *Trinidad v. Sagrada Orden*: "Evidently the exemption is made in recognition of the benefit which the public derives" from churches' "corporate activities."

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The Future Financial Status of the Social Security Program

Key Message: Social Security Trustees, Vol. 70, No. 3, 2019

The concepts of solvency, sustainability, and budget impact are common in discussions of Social Security, but are not well understood. Currently, the Social Security Board of Trustees projects program cost to rise by 2035 so that taxes will be enough to pay for only 76 percent of scheduled benefits. This increase in cost results from population aging, not because we are living longer, but because birth rates dropped from three to two children per woman. Importantly, this shortfall is basically stable after 2035, adjustments to taxes or benefits that offset the effects of the lower birth rate may restore solvency for the Social Security program on a sustainable basis for the foreseeable future. Finally, on Treasury debt securities (trust fund assets) are redeemed in the future, they will just be replaced with public debt. If trust fund assets are exhausted without reform, benefits will necessarily be lowered with no effect on budget deficits.

Related Content: Updated Summary: Solvency Status of the Social Security Trust Funds, Research: Social Security Trust Funds: Cash Flows and Reserves

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Persecution of the Local Church: Long Beach, California

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LONG BEACH, Calif., February 25, 2020 (NewsWire.com) - The following is an open letter from Jonathan Thompson, founder of [Local Church Communities](#) (Equipment, Carpentry, Food, Sewing), an organization that grew out of the Good Seed Church, whose mission is to help youth not only live but thrive by providing supportive, nurturing, specialized care for homeless young people in California through supportive housing, job training, comprehensive services, and individual planning.

Across the United States, we assume that the modern-day church is free of persecution from government. However, through land use and zoning laws, and procedural processes, the local church is facing levels of opposition, suppression, and delay in cities throughout the country. The Atlantic previously wrote an article, *The Quiet Religious-Freedom Fight That is Remaking America* in 2017 regarding a small town church nestled in Bergen County, New Jersey. However, the quiet religious freedom fight is making its way across the United States from the East Coast to the West Coast. And, just like a basket is a combination of individual strands woven together to form a unit, so, too, are the systematic means and methods to oppress the modern-day church.

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Implications

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How much lost tax revenue is at stake?

What does the parsonage allowance represent in terms of the amount of taxes that are foregone? In 2003, Prof. Chemerinsky estimated that eliminating the parsonage exemption would cost clergy members \$2.3 billion dollars over the five years from 2003 to 2008. [24] Legislation has been proposed that could escalate this tax loss exponentially. A bill offered by Rep. Bill Cassidy (R. La.) would expand the definition of people eligible for the tax-free housing allowance to include "duly recognized officials of nontheistic spiritual, moral, or ethical organizations." In his view, that would make *FFRF v Lew* lawsuit moot because the benefit would no longer be limited to religious officials.

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ATOM SOLUTIONS DATA

Total Property Taxes on Single-Family Homes Up 4 Percent Across U.S. in 2022, To \$340 Billion

By ATOM Team | April 6, 2023 | Home Sales & Prices, Real Estate Analysis

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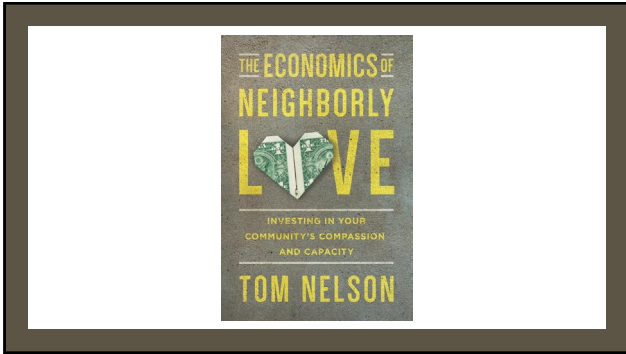
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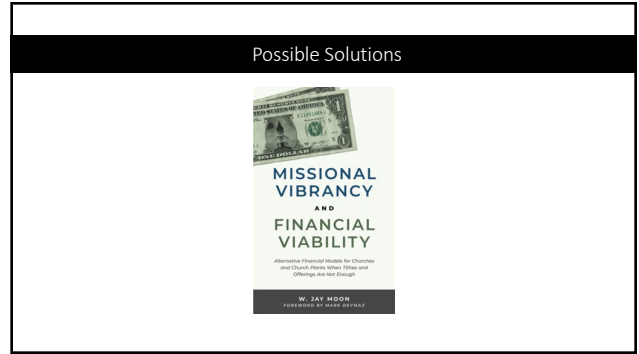
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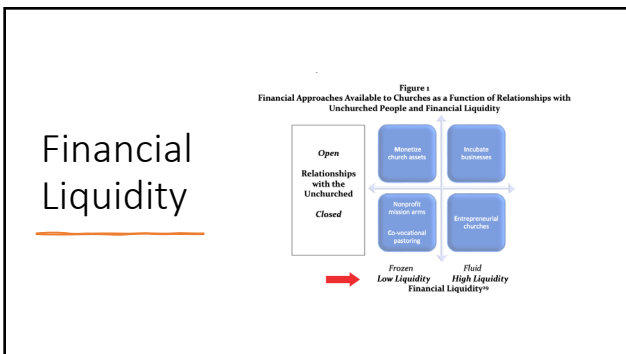
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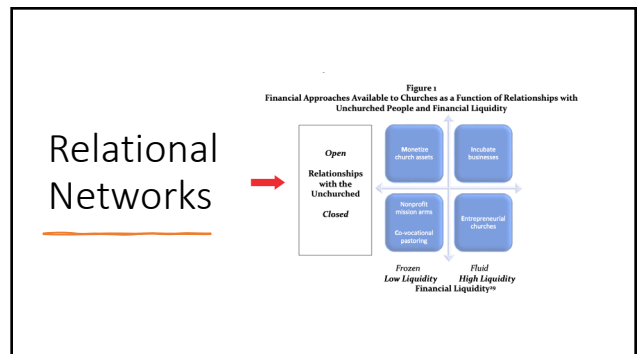
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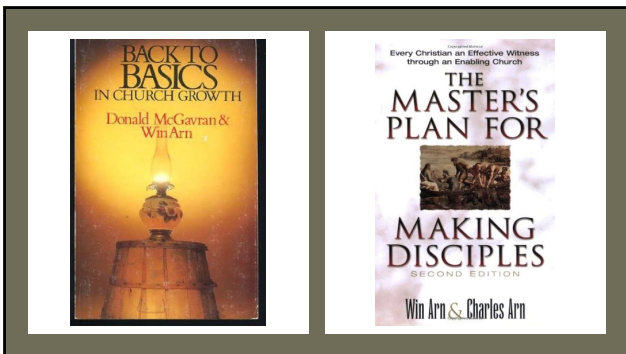
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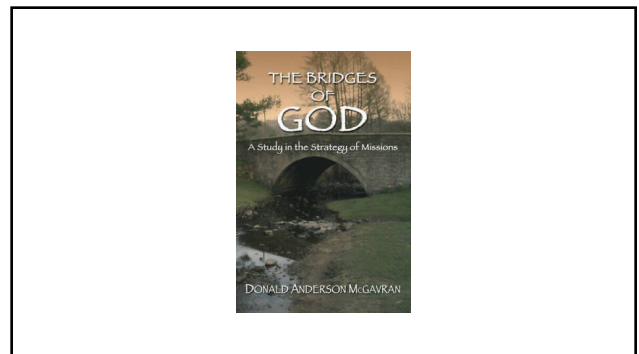
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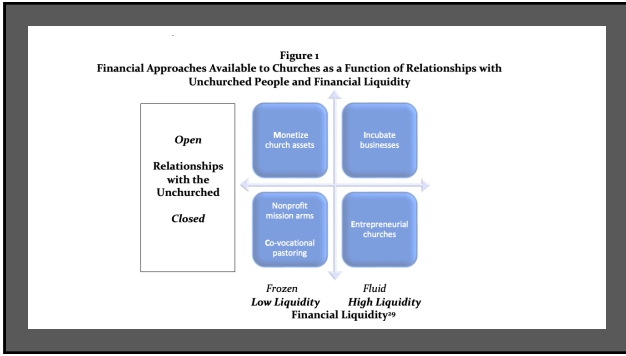
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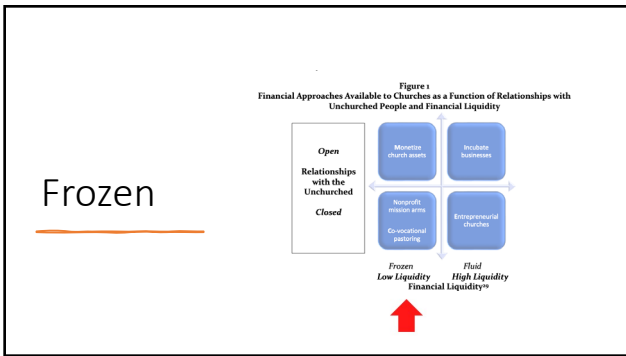


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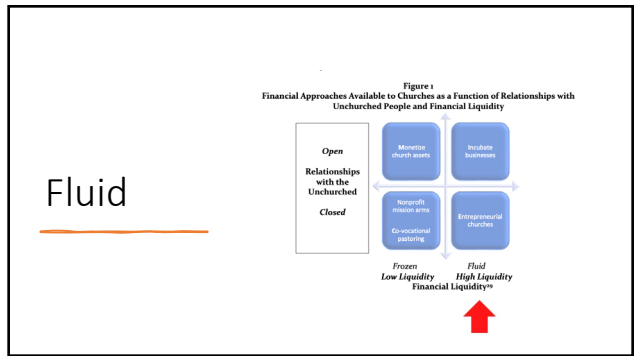
Assess Your Situation

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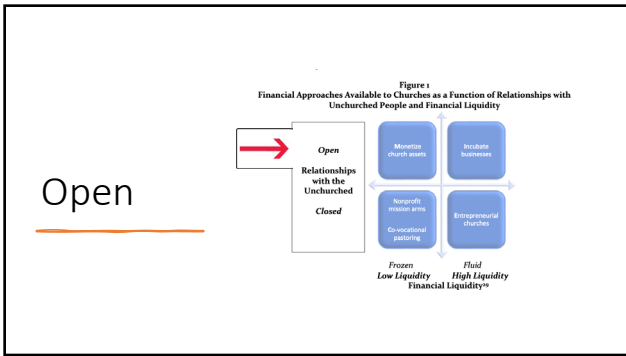
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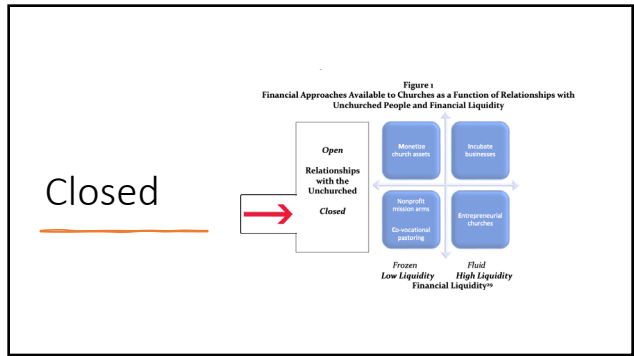
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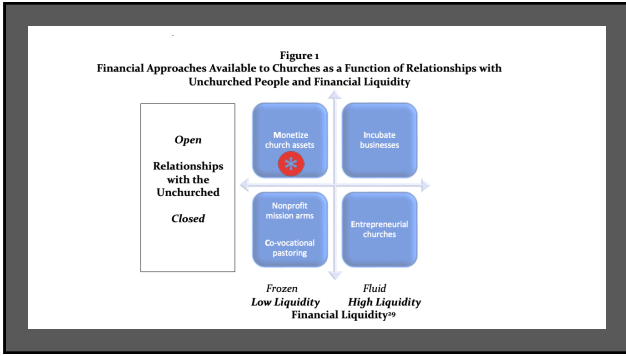
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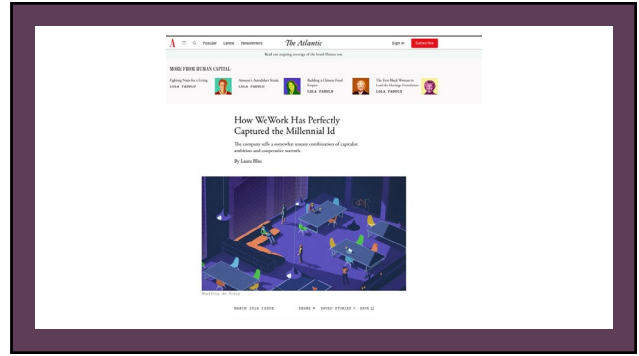
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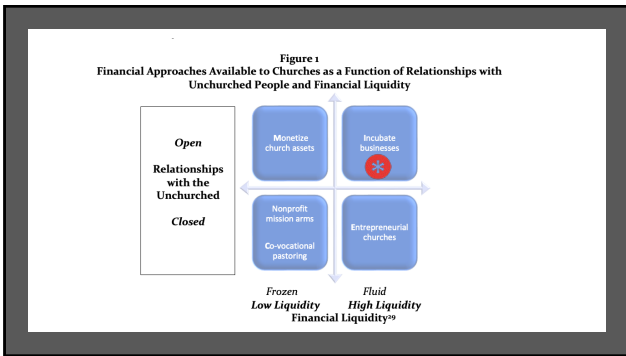
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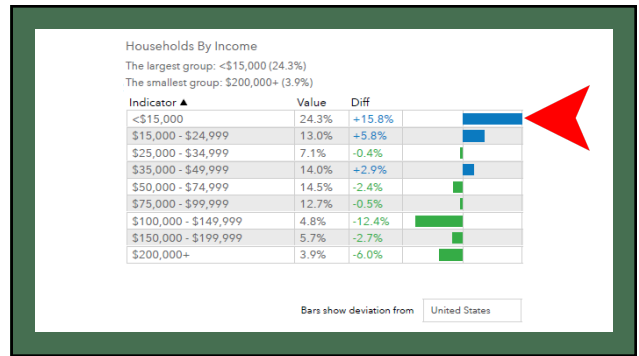
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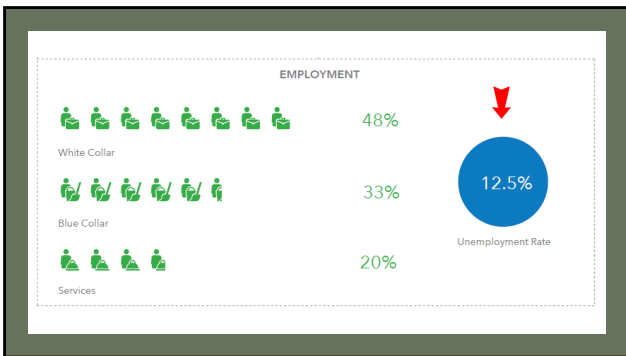
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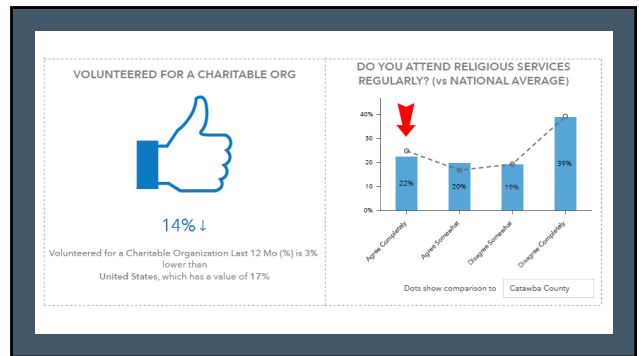
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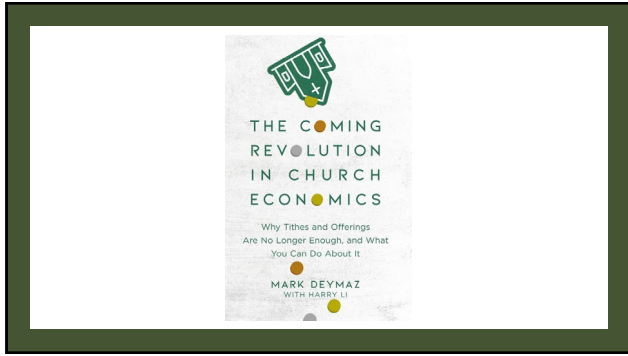
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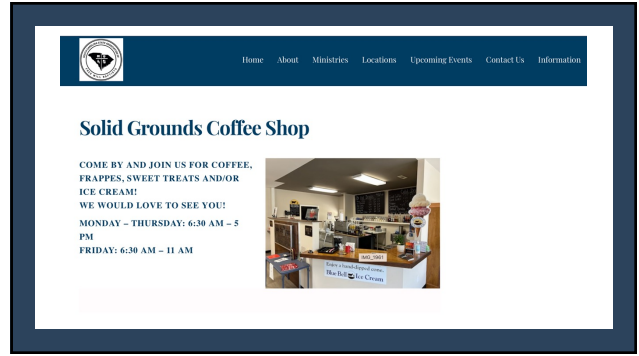
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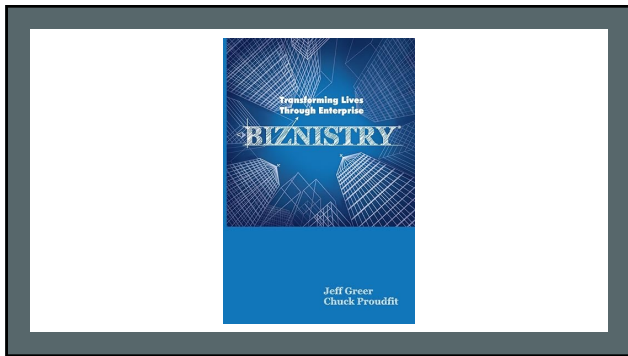
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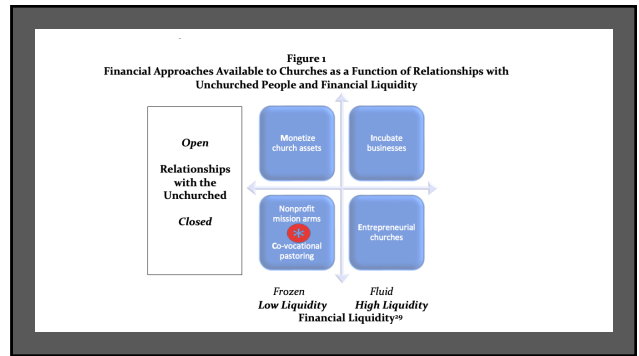
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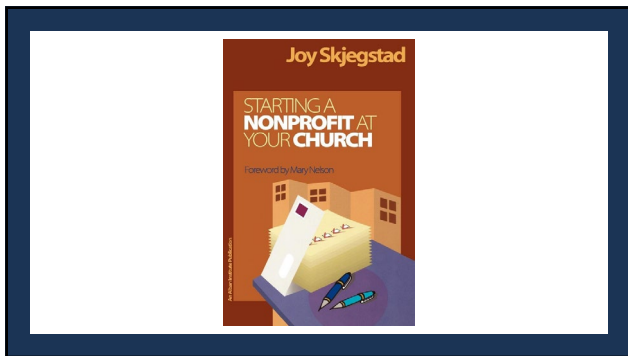
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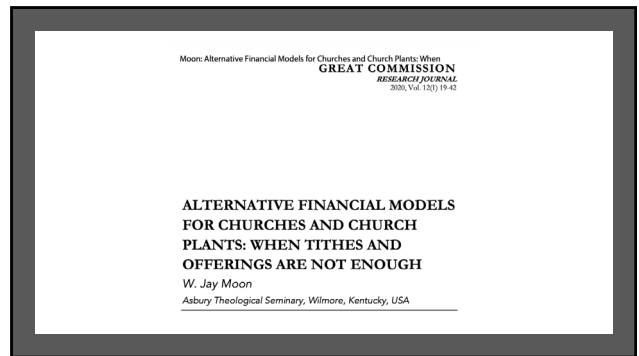
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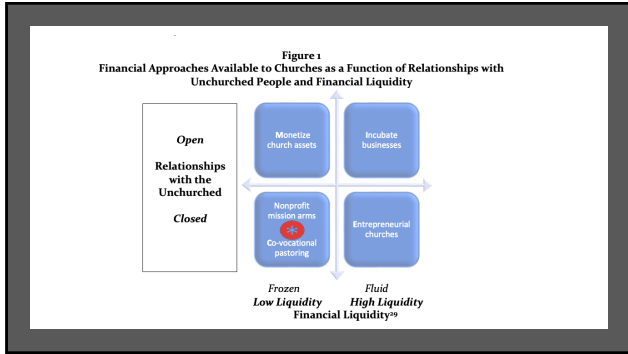
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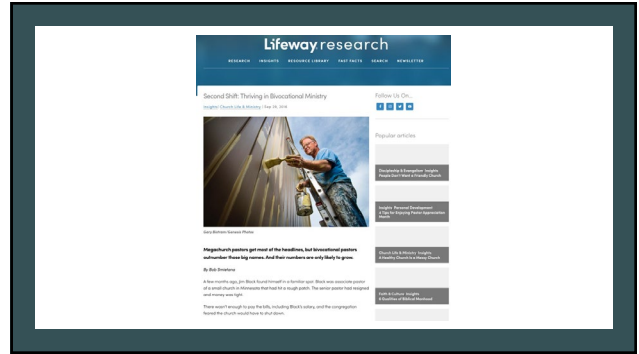
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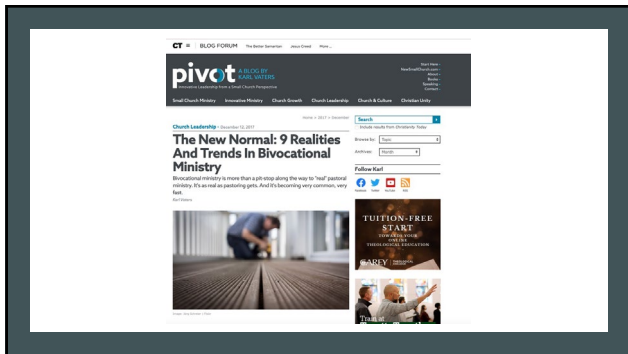
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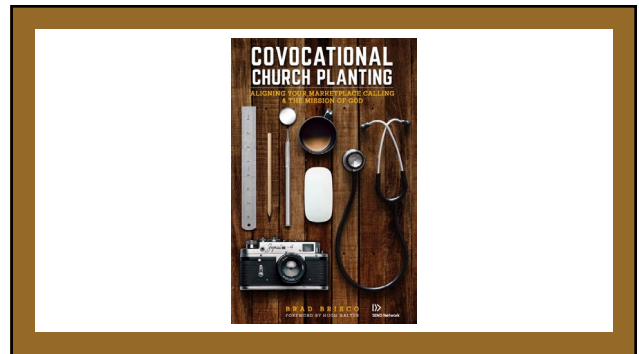
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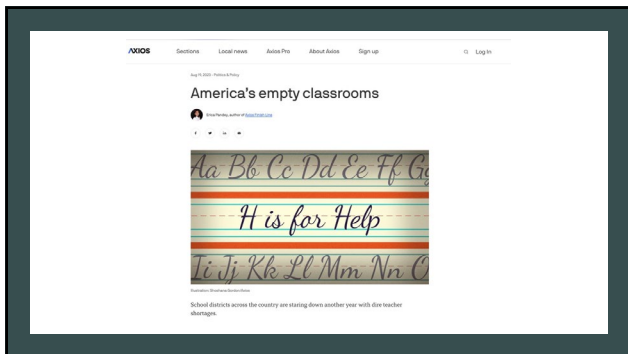
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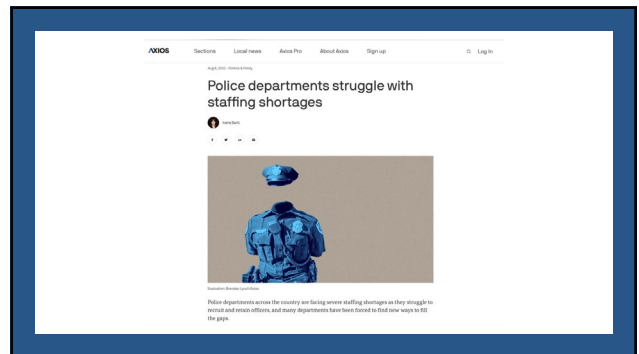
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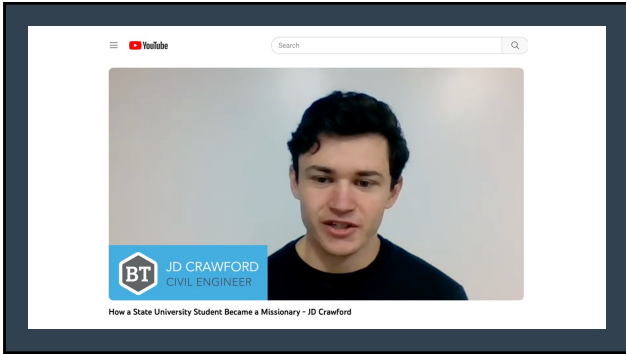
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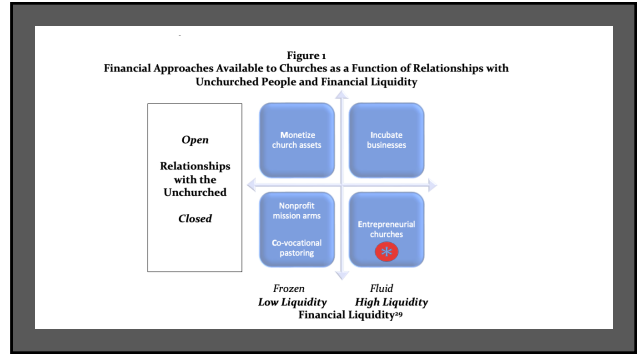
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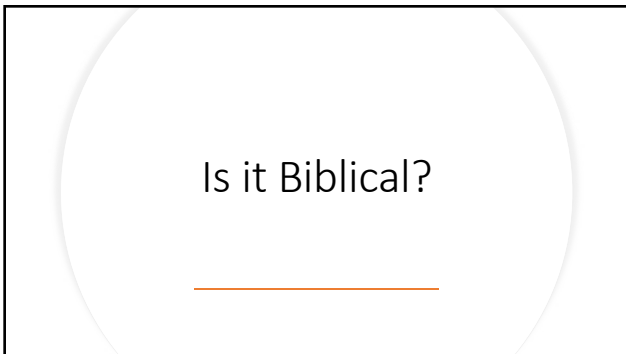
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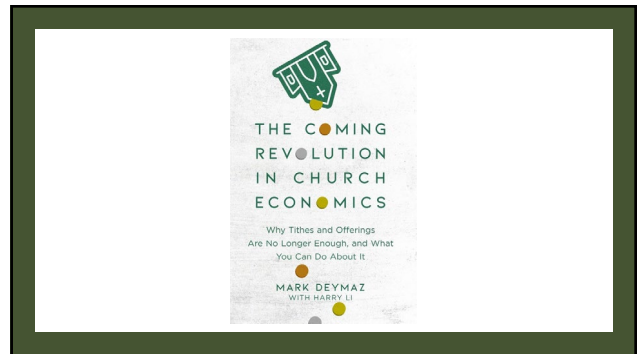
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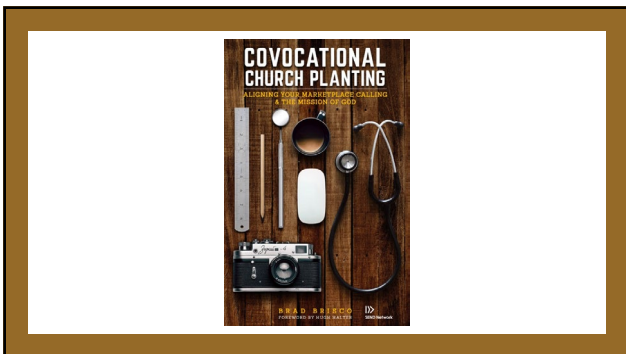
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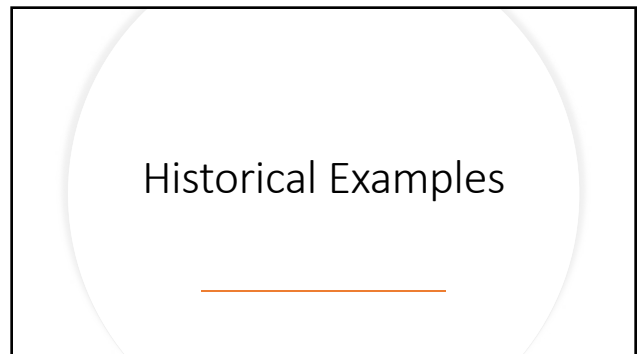
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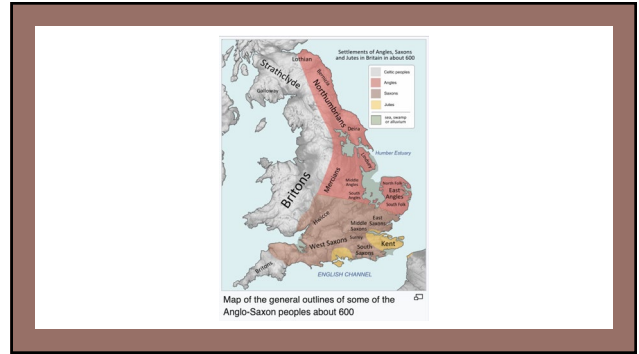


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The Monks Who Used the Arts in Missions
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Lucas Cranach d.Ä. - Martin Luther, 1528

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COLONIAL POWER
The Moravians: Missionaries in the West Indies

The pious Moravians, also called "bears", were the dominant Christian religious community in the Danish colony in the West Indies. The Moravians wanted to evangelize for their Christian faith but were also driven by a desire to improve the miserable living conditions for the enslaved population.



The Danish mission station in the West Indies on the east end of St. John. Painted back in 1818 by a local artist of St. Thomas. (ThePencilLibrary)

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John Wesley
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