Wednesday digest

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New today (and yesterday) from the Century:

- Walter Brueggemann reviews Piet J. Naudé's book on the <u>Belhar Confession</u>: "In the long struggle for freedom in South Africa, parts of the church played a major role, even as other parts colluded with the apartheid regime. Few actions in that struggle were more important than the Belhar Confession."
- Grant Wacker's six-word gospel: "Christ offers new life for all."
- Frank Honeycutt on the Jeremiah's <u>vexing task</u>: "The thing about serving as a prophet is that you are forever stuck between what God wants and what the people want." (subscription required)
- Richard Kauffman on political candidates who despise the office: "If my pastor got up some Sunday and said, 'I am not a pastor. I'm just a regular person,' I'd respond like this: 'Well, we hired you to be a pastor, and if you have a problem with it you should find another line of work.'"

In the news:

- U.K. Christians lose ground as unbelief grows
- Victims' group refuses to turn over names in abuse suit
- L.A. bishop resigns after fathering children

<u>Romney's evangelical problem starts with theology</u>