

My most-read blog posts

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Hey, thanks for reading my blog. Here are the 13 posts that you/others read the most this year:

- 1) Standard rule: Don't give the Phelps of Westboro any ink of any color. I broke it to [flag the remarkable story of Megan Phelps-Roper](#).
- 2) [Apparently Chris Tomlin doesn't love the spotlight](#). Yet he keeps booking arenas.
- 3) In which the MSM talks about church music [even more reductively than usual](#)
- 4) [The Barna Group thinks I'm a "notional Christian."](#) I'm not wild about this.
- 5) [In defense of Mel Bringle](#), who faced the divine wrath of the internets for being insufficiently enamored of the satisfaction theory
- 6) [Eight things the fall chaos on Capitol Hill wasn't about](#). Hey, I finally wrote a listicle! Next year I'll show up equally late to the "you won't believe what happens next" headlining party.
- 7) [What the National Cathedral has in common with the institution of marriage](#). Hint: It's not that the gays and the liberals are attacking it.
- 8) Why it doesn't surprise me that [some Nones aren't fans of the rise of the Nones](#)

9) On the alleged epidemic of "crack babies," and [why they should really be called "poverty babies."](#)

10) [Why won't Chipotle just use less meat?](#) Three specific menu suggestions for the would-be sustainability leader. (Their tofu option came to Chicago right after I wrote this, though I still like these ideas even better.)

11) T. F. Charlton thinks the media ignores Jason Collins's faith because he's black. I think she's right, though I think it's also because [he's not conservative enough for evangelicals to wholeheartedly claim him.](#)

12) On Tamerlan Tsarnaev's body and the dreadful prospect of [letting the dead terrorists win](#) by treating their remains with a shred of dignity.

13) [Don't cut food stamps benefits.](#) Don't cut them a lot; don't cut them a little. Just don't.