

Wednesday digest

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New today from the *Century*:

- Kathleen Hirsch on [Advent with a toddler](#): "I decided our family's Christmas would be simple and spirit-centered. Green to parenting, I defined *spiritual* as anything that allowed me a minute to reflect on what, beyond the laundry, mattered." (subscription required)
- Beverly Roberts Gaventa's seven-word gospel: "[In Christ, God's 'yes' defeats our 'no'.](#)"
- Steve Thorngate on the [Democrats' improved bargaining position](#) over the federal budget: "As ineffectual as Congress is, there's one time you can count on it to rise above do-nothing-ness: when it's approaching the can it kicked down the road earlier."
- Robin Lovin [reviews Amos Yong](#): "Pentecostalism expanded from a small revival movement to a global presence comparable in its extent and variety to Roman Catholicism or Anglicanism. Yet few people in mainstream U.S. churches know much about it." (subscription required)
- Adam Copeland raises some [questions about Thanksgiving](#): "Giving thanks...to whom? Giving thanks....for what?"

In the news:

- [Poll: Mitt Romney's Mormonism could be a primary problem](#)
- [Number of Somali refugees declining due to aid and rainfall](#)
- [Clergy, too, battle porn addiction -- often alone](#)
- [Workplace religious complaints double over 10 years](#)