

Wednesday digest

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New today (and yesterday) from the *Century*:

- Walter Brueggemann reviews Piet J. Naudé's book on the [Belhar Confession](#): "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 [vexing task](#): "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](#)

- [Romney's evangelical problem starts with theology](#)