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**Award of Excellence:** *The Echo* / Taylor University — Chris Yingling, Julia Oller.


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**Christian Ministry**

**Award of Excellence:** *Leadership Journal* — Marshall Shelley, Drew Dyck, Doug Fleener.


**Christian Ministry (Digital)**

**Award of Excellence:** *ManagingYourChurch.com* — Samuel Ogles, Michelle Dowell, Matthew Braunagh.


**Denominational**

**Award of Excellence:** *The Covenant Companion.*


**Denominational (Digital)**

**Award of Excellence:** *Baptist Press* — Shawn Handricks, Art Toastlon, Diana Chandler, David Roach, Laura Eranson, Marcia Knox


**Devotional**

**Award of Excellence:** *In Touch* — Cameron Lawrence, Tom Sabonis-Chafee, Sandy Feit, Jamie Hughes, Joseph Miller, Metaleap Creative.


**General**

**Award of Excellence:** *Christianity Today* — Mark Galli, Katelyn Beaty, Alecia Sharp.


**General (Digital)**

**Award of Excellence:** *Christianity Today Online* — Mark Galli, Ted Olsen, Katelyn Beaty, Terumi Echols, Jacob Walsh.


**Missions**

**Award of Excellence:** *Co:Mission* — Jim Killiam, Colin Wilson, Barbara Coots, Kim Farr, Jesse Lane, Jan Matthews.


**Most Improved**

**Award of Excellence:** *Light and Life* — Jay Cordova, Jeff Finley, Erin Eckberg, Mark Crawford, Kelly Holt, Marvin Gray.

**Awards of Merit:** *Illinois Baptist* — Eric Reed, Lisa Sergent, Kris Kell, Meredith Flynn, Morgan Jackson. *Alliance Life Magazine* — Peter Burgo, Melinda Lane, Daron Short, Christre Tschamler, Julie Daube, Martha Krienke.

**Newsletter**

**Award of Excellence:** *The Voice of the Martyrs.*

**Awards of Merit:** *Church Finance Today* — Chris Lutes, Samuel Ogles, Matthew Braunagh, Richard Hammar, Louise Ferreebee, Sandra Hoekstra-Lower.

**Newsletter Email (Digital)**

**Award of Excellence:** *NRB Today* — Kenneth Chan, Mary Montemayor, Linda Smith, Anne Dunlap, Melissa Sturgis, Aaron Mercer.

**Newspaper**

**Award of Excellence:** *Illinois Baptist* — Eric Reed, Lisa Sergent, Kris Kell, Meredith Flynn, Morgan Jackson.

**Awards of Merit:** *The Alabama Baptist* — Bob Terry, Jennifer Davis Rash, Lauren Grim, Neisha Roberts, Maggie Walsh. *Indian Life* — Jim Utley, Robin Black.

**Arkansas Baptist News** — Tim Yarbrough, Jessica Vanderpool, Caleb Yarbrough.

**Newspaper-Online News (Digital)**

**Award of Excellence:** *Christian News Journal* — Theresa Keener.

**Award of Merit:** *The Pathway.*
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Blog: Single post
Evangelism Article
**First Place:** *Today's Christian Woman*, “How to Love an Atheist” — Alicia Britt Chole, Kelli B. Trujillo, Natalie Lederhouse. **Second Place:** *DTS Magazine*, “A Place at the Table” — Sandra Glahn, Barry Jones. **Third Place:** *In Touch Magazine Online*, “Just Pass the Broccoli” — Patricia Raybon. **Fourth Place:** *One Magazine*, “What in the Worldview?” — Ruth McDonald, Eric K. Thomsen. **Fifth Place:** *Christianity Today Online*, “The Apologist Mom” — Andrea Palpant Dilley.

Feature Article

Fiction
**First Place:** *The Banner*, “Yet in My Flesh” — James Calvin Schaan. **Second Place:** *Refreshed*, “Christmas Through the Fog” — Mary Moody. **Third Place:** *Adventures in Odyssey Clubhouse*, “I Don’t Want to be a Snowman” — Stephen O’Rear, Jesse Flores, Tim Shoemaker.

First-Person Article
**First Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, “Just Pass the Broccoli” — Patricia Raybon, Iain Bagwell, Metaleap Creative. **Second Place:** *Christianity Today*, “When Islands of Meaning Sink Beneath Us” — Douglas Groothuis. **Third Place:** *Leadership Journal*, “When HotChurch Came to Town” — Keith Mannes. **Fourth Place:** *The Covenant Companion*, “Jesus, Take This Cup From Me” — Dana Bowman. **Fifth Place:** *The Banner*, “A Luminous Mystery” — J. Todd Billings.

Freelance Article
**First Place:** *Steve Rabey*, “Beyond Crime and Punishment: Restorative Justice Offers Healing to Colorado Victims, Communities.” **Second Place:** *Claudean Boatman*, “Beyond the Walls: Sharing Grief and Growing Community.” **Third Place:** *Patti Townley-Covert*, “A Chance at Life.” **Fourth Place:** *Michael Fouxt*, “Will I Love My Biological Child as Much as My Adopted Ones?” **Fifth Place:** *Chris Maxwell*, “You Need Solitude, But You Don’t Need Isolation.”

General Article: Long

General Article: Medium
**First Place:** *Boundless*, “Where Have All the Beautiful Women Gone?” — Joshua Rogers. **Second Place:** *Christianity Today Online*, “Why Boko Haram and ISIS Target Women” — Katelyn Beaty. **Third Place:** *Illinois Baptist*, “When War Comes Home” — Kayla Rinker. **Fourth Place:** *Decision*, “Biblical Anchors, Aweigh!” — Jerry Pierce, Bob Paulson. **Fifth Place:** *The Behemoth*, “Oh, How He Smells Us” — Kate Shellnut.

General Article: Short
**First Place:** *Answers Magazine*, “The Opossum—Survival of the Generalist” — Stephanie McDonald, Doug Rumminger, Dan Stelzer. **Second Place:** *Compassion Magazine*, “Value Beyond Words” — Leanna Summers, Willow Welter, Mark Kyle, Michelle Dana, Tim Glenn, Paul Moede. **Third Place:** *New Frontier Chronicle*, “Salvation Army Online Auction Site Now Live” — Christin Davis. **Fourth Place:** *Refreshed*, “Bread winner: Provoking Harmony with an Act of Kindness” — Dean Nelson. **Fifth Place:** *The Voice of the Martyrs*, “Why I Haven’t Left Syria.”

Humorous
**First Place:** *Sojourners*, “First World Problems...” — Ed Spivey Jr. **Second Place:** *The Covenant Companion*, “Confessions of a Not So Cheerful Giver” — Dana Bowman. **Third Place:** *Refreshed*, “Hello, My Name Is...” — Joanne Brokaw. **Fourth Place:** *Leading Hearts*, “A Hairly Situation” — Torry Martin. **Fifth Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, “Thanks for Taking My Stuff” — Matt Woodley, Jeff Gregory, Metaleap Creative.

Interview Article
**First Place:** *Crux*, “We Are Still Near the Beginning: A Conversation with Wendell Berry” — Chad Wrigglesworth, Wendell Berry. **Second Place:** *Books & Culture*, “Every Single Thing in You Has to Bow Down” — Jane Zwart. **Third Place:** *Decision*, “Combating a Culture of Death” — Richard Greene. **Fourth Place:** *The Living Church*, “Gospel as Counter-narrative” — G. Jeffrey MacDonald. **Fifth Place:** *Leadership Journal*, “The Secret of Strategic Neglect” — Marshall Shelley, Drew Dyck.

Original Art: Digital/Mixed Media
**First Place:** *Southern Seminary Magazine*, “Religious Liberty Imperiled” — Eric Jimenez. **Second Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, “Called to the Cubicle” — Daniel Darling, Darren Braun, Metaleap Creative. **Third Place:** *Christianity Today*, “Comet of Wonder” — Sarah Gordon. **Fourth Place:** *Message Magazine*, “Graduate Class 2015” — Leah Pickard, Ingela Hartman, Lauren Farr-Miller, Paul Luce. **Fifth Place:** *Thriving Family*, “The Weight of Words” — Michael Ridgeway, Andrea Gutierrez, Cary Bates, Jody Reiner, Michael Heath.

Original Art: Traditional
**First Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, “A Fool’s Errand” — Tony Woodlief, Keith Negley, Metaleap Creative. **Second Place:** *Fuller* — Denise Louise Kitte. **Third Place:** *Clubhouse Jr.*, “The Hot, Hot Picnic” — Andy Elkerton, Lexie Rhodes. **Fourth Place:** *Wheaton Magazine*, “To Invest or Not to Invest?” — Dan Matutina, Metaleap Creative, Allison Atthoff Steinke. **Fifth Place:** *Christianity Today*, “Our Forgotten Pro-Life History” — Alecia Sharp, Joey Guidone.

Personality Article
**First Place:** *The Living Church*, “Go to Galilee” — G. Jeffrey MacDonald. **Second Place:** *Christianity Today*, “Moore on the Margins” — Sarah Pulliam Bailey. **Third Place:** *The Baptist Standard*, “Diana Garland, Social Work Educator & Bridge Builder, Dies” — Mary Knox. **Fourth Place:** *The Covenant Companion Online*, “Breaking Through the Sound of Silence” — Dana Bowman. **Fifth Place:** *The Covenant Companion*, “True Blue” — Bob Smietana.

Photo Feature

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Poetry
**First Place:** *Books & Culture*, “Prayer Before Reading St Mark’s Gospel” — Brett Foster. **Second Place:** *Sojourners*, “This is Praying” — Lisa Dordal. **Third Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, “At Spotford Lake” — Dave Harrity, Metaleap Creative. **Fourth Place:** *Reformed Presbyterian Witness*, “Sermon Notes for Psalm 8” — Andrew Sclep. **Fifth Place:** *Crux*, “California Qual” — Sarah Crowley Chestnut.
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