

# **Joyful funeral, thank God**

August 17, 2012

Several hundred people gathered in our church's sanctuary to celebrate the life of a saint who walked among us. There's nothing like a great funeral.

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# **Limitless liberty**

August 17, 2012

Baptists and other Christians must not only speak up for religious minorities. We also must declare oppression and persecution are unacceptable.

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# **Healing at home**

August 17, 2012

Thank God, my parents are recuperating well from their July 4 car wreck.

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# Christians & mud

August 17, 2012

When we were little kids, my sister and I got into a huge mud fight. Who knew it would become a metaphor for 21<sup>st</sup> century American Christianity?

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# 4th to Forget

August 17, 2012

Like most Americans, our family revels in the Fourth of July. This year, not so much.

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# HBD, America

August 17, 2012

Dear America,

Happy Birthday! It's hard to imagine you're 236 already. My, how you've grown. And changed.

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# **What about mission trips?**

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It's hard to think about summer without thinking about mission trips. Maybe we need to think more thoroughly.

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## **SBC, CBF @ crossroads**

August 17, 2012

Two broods of Baptists with roots in the South will reach important crossroads within the next few days.

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## **Humming my temperature**

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Folks closest to me know I'm a hummer. Not the gas-guzzling road hog. The other one. The back-of-the-throat tune heister.

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# **‘A mess like me’**

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Don't lose hope if you think your life—or the life of someone you love—is an irredeemable mess. Jon Lineberger's story proves God is up to the challenge.

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# **‘Sorry’ isn’t enough**

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A new national database provides 2,000-plus reasons for abolishing the death penalty.

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# **Lost in transition**

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A growing number of young Americans are getting lost in the transition between youth and adulthood.