

# **Memorable holiday**

September 5, 2011

Our family has enjoyed many more restful and fun Labor Day Weekends, but none more memorable.

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# **Cracked monument**

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"Maybe those cracks in the Washington Monument were there before the earthquake," a friend speculated. Interesting thought.

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# **Non-linear thinking**

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Who knew assembling a baby bed could spiral into a spiritual undertaking?

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# Stock market & fear

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I could check my retirement plan, but why do that to myself?

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# Prayer & politics

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A reader says Christians' criticism of Rick Perry's prayer rally breaks her heart. That's understandable. It ignores Baptists' heritage, but it's understandable.

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# God & culture

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If you're trying to make sense of culture from a biblical perspective, you've got a friend—and guide—in Jim Denison.

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# God & Topanga

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Do I love my dog more than I love God? That's a surprisingly troubling question.

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# Lame-brained

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Bad things happen when you put your (OK—when I put my) brain on autopilot.

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# Faithful friends

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Two new biographies—about Virginia Connally and James Dunn—provide compelling summertime reading about faithful lives well-lived.

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# Common good

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As a 235th birthday present, Americans should try to do what's best for their country, not for themselves.

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# God & borders

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A Southern Baptist Convention resolution calling for "a just and compassionate path to legal status" for undocumented immigrants raises an important question for all Christians.

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# Spatial perspective

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Sometimes, it's healthy to consider your size. A good picture can help.