

# **DOWN HOME: Abelias to zinnias: A planting parable**

April 14, 2012

Since I've spent much of my adult life sitting at a keyboard writing words, you might expect I'm a big fan of Mark Twain. You'd be right.

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## **Right or Wrong? The new normal**

April 14, 2012

Some people say our society's economic issues, theological persuasions and cultural norms comprise a "new normal." Are gospel values still important?

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## **Quotes in the News**

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Public debate today gives the impression that God cares about two issues in 21st-century USA—abortion rates and tax relief. -Ray Waddle

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# Texas Baptist Forum

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I read the story about the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship conference on sexuality in both the *Baptist Standard* and the rival state Baptist group's paper. I am not completely sure if it was the same conference or not.

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# IN TOUCH: From Congreso, to Dallas, to camps

April 14, 2012

Texas Baptist Executive Director David Hardage continues to travel the state, speaking at conferences and listening to those involved in the state convention's varied ministries.

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# Cartoon

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"I know I'm part of the body of Christ, but sometimes I feel like an appendix."

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# **2nd Opinion: Getting reacquainted with Jesus**

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A soft-spoken philosopher who wanders the countryside while telling heart-warming stories doesn't end up on a cross.

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# **EDITORIAL: An ancient story; still true in 2012**

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Oppression of the poor is as old as the Bible, but so is compassion.

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# **DOWN HOME: A Gnat, a gullet & thoughts of sin**

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I swallowed a speck-sized winged whizzer the other morning. It happened

about 5:35 as I ran beside a pond not far from our house.

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## **Right or Wrong? Background checks**

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Are financial and criminal background checks on our staff and all our volunteer workers intrusive and unnecessary?

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## **Quotes in the News**

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"If you don't love America, if you don't like the way we do things, I have one thing to say: Get out! We don't worship Buddha. ... We don't worship Muhammad. We don't worship Allah. We worship God. We worship God's son, Jesus Christ!" -Dennis Terry

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"I am thankful for Limbaugh, one of a few conservative voices amid the dominating liberal media."