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**By Ken Camp**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

Three drastically different ministerial training schools in Texas now claim to be in the tradition of B.H. Carroll, a towering figure in Baptist life in the late 19th century and early 20th century.

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## Cartoon\_122203

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“Grandma,  
here's  
your gift  
from  
Gramps. I  
just shook  
it, and it  
sounds  
like a box  
of rocks.”

News of religion, faith, missions, Bible study and Christian ministry among Texas Baptist churches, in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention ( SBC ) and around the world.

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# **‘Are you Santa?’ child asked missionary\_122203**

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**By Melanie Kieve**

*CBF Communications*

SKOPJE, Macedonia—"Are you Santa Claus?"

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# **THIS CHRISTMAS: Receive the gift of hope this season\_122203**

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## **THIS CHRISTMAS: Receive the gift of hope this season**

**By BO Baker**

After another year of meeting life's complications, its barrage of hazards and hurts played out upon the grand world stage, I've concluded once more that our deepest and most urgent need is for hope—Christian hope.

This is the hope that does not come grandstanding, gift-wrapped or party-dressed. Not a kind of shallow masquerade of make-believe bequest to dreamers only, or even hope for the millions who would not know a Bible from the Far-mer's Almanac. But a hope deliberately resting upon the integrity, the absolute dependability of the God who spoke the galaxies into existence, who breathed life into the man he made and, and "God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31).



BO  
Baker

I contend for a hope resident and resilient in the person of Jesus Christ, not a hope provided by practitioners of unkept promises, nor for the warden of some “life island” adrift in space, dark with questions seemingly unanswerable.

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DALLAS-Dallas Baptist University could receive up to \$5.5 million-its largest such grant ever-if funds donated by the family of Ruth Ray Hunt are matched by other donors.

Representatives of the Communities Foundation of Texas and the Hunt family announced the gift in late November. It will designate \$1 million in matching money to each of five priorities identified through a strategic planning process.

Previous money from the Hunt family enabled the university to develop a facilities master plan, which will serve as a blueprint for moving the university "from good to great" over the next 10 years, said DBU President Gary Cook.



At the news  
conference  
where the  
\$5.5 million  
matching  
grant was  
announced,  
Ray Hunt  
and June  
Hunt (first  
and third  
from left)  
visit with  
Julie Turner,  
chairwoman  
of the DBU  
board, and  
Edgar  
Fjordbak,  
director of  
the  
Communities  
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# **DOWN HOME: Blessings erase wishes on list\_122203**

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## **DOWN HOME: Blessings erase wishes on list**

My Christmas "wish list" probably drove my family nuts this year.

Around our house, we're big on drawing up lists of gift suggestions. You know-stuff we'd like to receive for Christmas or birthday.

Maybe we don't have enough imagination, but I like to think we do this because, if we're going to spend the money, we want to give something the recipient really wants.

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## **EDITORIAL: Begin at the manger, but follow Jesus through his life\_122203**

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## **EDITORIAL:**

# **Begin at the manger, but follow Jesus through his life**

Do you ever wonder what became of the shepherds?

They experienced history's penultimate "Do you remember where you were when ... ?" moments. (You know about lesser memorable moments: Where were you when you heard World War II was over? Where were you when you learned President Kennedy had been assassinated? When Elvis died? When the space shuttle disintegrated over Texas?)

Even 2,000 years later, we know where those Hebrew shepherds were when they received the second-best news of eternity: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

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## **LifeWay Family Bible Series for Dec. 28 When God doesn't make sense, trust him still\_122203**

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Jonah 4:1-11

**By John Duncan**

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♦ *Proverbs 1:20-3:8*

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