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**By George Henson**

*Staff Writer*

DALLAS-Love may not fit in a box, but students at Dallas Baptist University hope children who receive shoeboxes filled with goodies will know someone cared enough to send a token of their love.

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## **DOWN HOME: God, creativity, chaos & beauty\_120604**

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# **DOWN HOME: God, creativity, chaos & beauty**

Don't worry about the Loch Ness Monster and/or Bigfoot. They don't exist.

If they did, we would've found them.

Joanna and I spent the better part of a Saturday helping our youngest daughter, Molly, clean her room. We didn't encounter any world-famous monsters, but that's about the only thing we didn't find.

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Parents and youth ministers have a new tool to use in their efforts to fight

drug use among teens. And it's free.

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# **EDITORIAL: Celebrating Advent makes the wait worthy of Christmas\_120604**

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## **EDITORIAL: Celebrating Advent makes the wait worthy of Christmas**

So now we wait.

Waiting, particularly waiting patiently, is not an American virtue. You know you're wound just a little too tightly when you get annoyed because the microwave doesn't heat your pre-cooked dinner fast enough. You're on the impatient side when you order movie tickets online so you won't have to wait in line to buy them at the cineplex. Americans by the millions are signing up for broadband Internet access so we won't have to wait for our computers to download pictures and songs and all the other "instant" data available at the click of a mouse.

But we wait for Christmas. The Christmas season-called Advent by Baptists

and others not worried about being considered “too Catholic”—follows an arc determined by the calendar. It covers the span of four Sundays, usually from the Sunday immediately following Thanksgiving to the Sunday before Christmas. It moves at the timeless pace trod by Christians for nearly two millennia.

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## **ETBU reaffirms Chinese partnership**

President Fang Jianzhuang (left) of the Gaungdong Teachers College of Foreign Language and Arts in China and President Bob Riley of East Texas Baptist University in Marshall sign an agreement to continue a program allowing the exchange of professors and students from both schools for a semester or longer. The two schools have had a relationship since 1991.

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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# **LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Dec. 12: Remember**

# **the mercy God has shown to you\_120604**

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**LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Dec. 12**

## **Remember the mercy God has shown to you**

Luke 15:18-32

**By Pakon Chan**

*Chinese Baptist Church, Arlington*

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## **LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Dec. 19: Christmas reminds us of the possibilities\_120604**

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# **Christmas reminds us of the possibilities**

Luke 1:26-38, 46-56

**By Pakon Chan**

*Chinese Baptist Church, Arlington*

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# **LifeWay Family Bible Series for Dec. 12: Enthusiasm for Christ should be contagious\_120604**

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LifeWay Family Bible Series for Dec. 12

# **Enthusiasm for Christ should be contagious**

John 1:35-50

**By Leroy Fenton**

# **LifeWay Family Bible Series for Dec. 19: Don't neglect praising God this holiday season\_120604**

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**LifeWay Family Bible Series for Dec. 19**

## **Don't neglect praising God this holiday season**

Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-20

**By Leroy Fenton**

*Baptist Standard, Dallas*

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# **100-year-old preacher finally slated to receive seminary master's degree\_120604**

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FORT WORTH-Eugene Florence, 100, will receive a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth during the seminary's commencement ceremony at Travis Avenue Baptist Church Dec. 10.

Eugene Florence
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Florence—who was featured in the Baptist Standard earlier this year—was 39 years old when he enrolled at the seminary in 1943 when only night classes were offered to black students. He took classes two nights a week for eight years before receiving a diploma in theology.

Southwestern Seminary began offering courses to black students at “Negro extension centers” in Beaumont, Austin, Waco and Mexia in 1940. But not until 1950 did seminary trustees pass a policy that allowed black students to be admitted to graduate level theological education.

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Twenty-plus  
missions  
photos by  
Don  
Rutledge  
from  
around the  
world are  
featured in  
the first  
exhibit at  
the Great  
Commission  
Gallery at  
First  
Baptist  
Church in  
Temple.  
(Bill  
Bangham  
Photo)

## Temple church opens Great Commission Gallery as ministry

**By Bill Bangham**

*SBC International Mission Board*

TEMPLE (BP)—Warm walls, wood floor and generous lighting set the stage for simply framed photographs spaced precisely about the room. People,

plates of finger food in hand, circle the exhibit while a string ensemble and keyboard play beneath the murmur of quiet conversation.

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A screen  
projects  
an image  
of Billy  
Graham,  
86, at the  
four-day  
Greater  
Los  
Angeles  
Billy  
Graham  
Crusade  
at the  
Rose  
Bowl in  
Pasadena,  
Calif.

# Billy Graham still preaching, filling stadiums at 86

**By Marshall Allen**

*Religion News Service*

PASADENA, Calif. (RNS)-At 86, Billy Graham moves a little more slowly. But his four-day California crusade revealed the evangelist still can fill stadiums with his classic presentation of the gospel.