

Around the State: KidsFaith clinics set

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The Baptist General Convention of Texas evangelism division has scheduled several KidsFaith clinics around the state. KidsFaith is an



interactive journal to guide 10 faith conversations with kids with their parents. The conversations provide opportunities for children to respond to God as they grow in their understanding of him. Clinics are scheduled

Sept. 22 at Indiana Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock at 6 p.m.; Oct. 7 at San Antonio Baptist Association at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Oct. 20 at First Baptist Church in Grandview at 5 p.m.; and Oct. 22 at First Baptist Church in Richardson at 7 p.m. To register for any of the clinics, [click here](#).

David Thye, professor of conducting at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will conduct a musical drama, "A New Nation," based on the story of Jacob and Esau. Three performance will be held at the Scott Theater in Fort Worth, Sept. 20-22. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday's is at 4 p.m. To buy tickets, [click here](#).

The third annual Barefoot Run benefiting Buckner International's Shoes for Orphan Souls program will be held Oct. 5 at Andy Brown Park in Coppel. Registration prior to Sept. 19 is \$25, before Oct. 3 is \$30, and race-day registration is \$35. Entry for runners 12 years old and younger is \$15. There also is a 1-mile fun run with an entry fee of \$15. Registration begins at 7 a.m. To register, [click here](#).

Paul Foster has been elected chair of the University of Texas System Board. Gov. Rick Perry requested he focus his energy on the post, and so

Foster has deferred his service on the [Baylor University](#) board of regents. Foster was elected chair of the UT System on Aug. 22.

Children's Emergency Relief International, the



Children's Emergency Relief International will expand its ministry to Eastern European children to include Ukraine and Romania this year. international arm of Baptist Child & Family Services, has expanded its winter boot missions to Ukraine and Romania. For more than a decade, CERI has alternated providing winter boots for children in Moldova and Transnistria. The expansion of the ministry is in cooperation with New Hope International in Ukraine and Project Ruth in Romania. CERI volunteers will travel to 27 orphanages in Ukraine around the city of L'viv and also distribute boots to severely impoverished Roma (Gypsy) communities in Bucharest, Romania. The boots will be purchased from a factory in Moldova. The project goal is \$90,000 and each pair of boots costs \$25. To donate to the project, [click here](#) and select Kids and Boots 2013.

Highland Lakes Camp will hold its annual 55+ Day Celebration Oct. 3. Wes James will speak and sing as the keynote speaker. The event begins at 10:30 a.m. and includes a barbecue lunch. The cost is \$15. Registration closes Sept. 30. To register, [click here](#).

Incoming freshmen at [Howard Payne University](#) concluded



Howard Payne

University students clear debris near Lake Brownwood, their orientation activities with SWARM—Serving With a Right Motive. The students completed community service projects at a variety of locations including the Brownwood Area Community Garden, the Corinne T. Smith Animal Shelter and Lake Brownwood.

Three hundred [Hardin-Simmons University](#) freshmen and transfer students completed two community service projects, one at the Taylor County Expo Center and the other in the neighborhood just north of the HSU campus as a part of their orientation activities. The work at the expo center was in preparation for the West Texas Fair & Rodeo to be held there Sept 5-14.

The [East Texas Baptist University](#) class of 2013 presented the gift of a new archway over the campus entrance. The class raised the \$9,000 for the gift in only four months. The last archway to mark the entrance to the school said “East Texas Baptist College” and came down in 1984 when the school became a university. A dedication ceremony for the arch will be held during homecoming activities, Oct. 18-20.

Almost 800 incoming freshmen at the [University of Mary Hardin-Baylor](#)



worked

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor students worked to clear brush at Taylor's Valley Baptist Church in Temple. (Photo: UMHB/Jennifer Jones) on 30 service projects throughout Central Texas as a part of their orientation activities. Students performed landscaping chores, painted, organized office space and played with children along with a multitude of other tasks.

Eleven faculty members have joined [Wayland Baptist University](#) this fall. They include Rebekah Crowe, assistant professor of history; Sean Ditmore, instructor of library science; Timothy Doty, assistant professor of communication studies; Troy Gregory, assistant professor of English; Erin Heath, assistant professor of English; Anthony King, assistant professor of music and associate professor of bands and applied percussion; Mark Kirk, associate professor of theater; Amy Miles, assistant professor of academic achievement; Maria O'Connell, assistant professor of English; Randolph Rogers, assistant professor of religion; and Scott Strovas, assistant professor of music.

Araceli Flores has become the director of [Baptist Child & Family Services'](#) Healthy Start program. She is a registered nurse with 17 years experience delivering and directing compassionate care to children and families in Laredo. The Healthy Start program was established in Laredo in 2001 to decrease disparities in access to maternal and child health care.

Anniversary

Afton Baptist Church in Afton, 125th, Aug. 18. Harold Abney is pastor.

David Cox, 20th, as pastor of Davilla Baptist Church in Davilla.

John Chivvis, 15th, as pastor of Fellowship at Field Store in Waller.

Scot Stolz, 15th, as elder/pastor at Community Church in College Station.

Ross King, 15th, as elder/pastor at Community Church in College Station.

Art Vestal, fifth, as pastor of Little Deer Creek Baptist Church in Chilton.

Licensed

Alberto Aguirre, to the ministry at Iglesia Bautista El Calvario in Kress.