

# **Around the State: TBM helps Gideons distribute Bibles**

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The Texas Baptist Men Dixon Missions Equipping Center in Dallas served as distribution center for the Gideons' Bible Blitz.

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# **Around the State: HSU students travel to Greece**

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Twelve Hardin-Simmons University students traveled to Greece to work with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries Bob and Janice Newell.

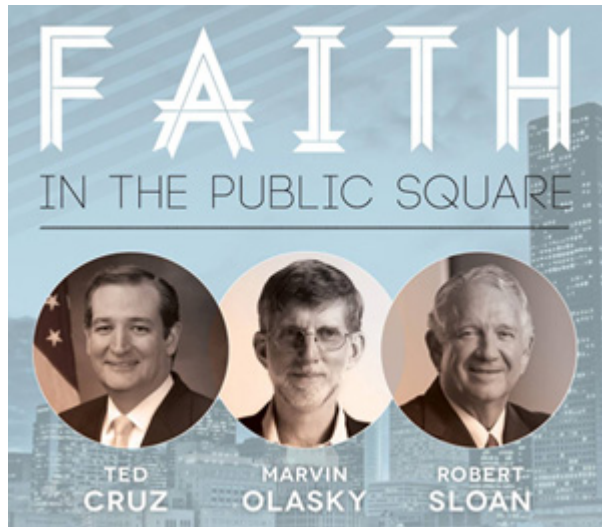
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# **Around the State: HPU delegates honored at Model UN**

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The [Howard Payne University](#) model United Nations students won five delegate awards in Rome, Italy, more than any other university participating. Caleb McConnell, Kerrie Ford, Cody Perrin and Elizabeth

Rogers won best delegate awards, and Erik Swenson was named champion debater on the security council. The 12 students also visited the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Forum, the Catacombs and other locations in the city.



**U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz**, Houston Baptist University President Robert Sloan and journalist Marvin Olasky will discuss “Faith and Freedom in the Public Square” May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Morris Cultural Arts Center at HBU. Panelists will share thoughts about the role faith has played in their careers and discuss the state of religious freedom in America and abroad. Tickets are \$20

for general admission seating and \$100 for reserved seats that include a pre-event reception at 6:45 p.m. For tickets, [click here](#).

**Buckner Children and Family Services** will present a free foster care and adoption information expo April 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 5200 Buckner Boulevard in Dallas. Participants will receive an overview of foster care and adoption options in Texas, including foster-to-adopt, Waiting Texas Children, domestic infant adoption and international adoption programs. A guest panel of current and former foster families will present perspectives on their experiences. Other participating organizations are [Hope CottageCovenant Kids](#), [Circles of Care](#), [Jonathan’s Place](#), [Bair Foundation](#), [Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services](#), [Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth](#), [A World for Children](#), [Pathways](#) and [Foster in Texas](#). For more information, [click here](#).

**Ernie Haase and Signature Sound**—a Southern Gospel quartet—will perform at 7 p.m. May 9 in [Wayland Baptist University’s](#) Harral Auditorium.

Wayland graduate Paul Harkey sings bass with the group. Doors open at 5:45 p.m., and the singers will meet the public at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students 17 and younger. All seats are general admission, and proceeds benefit Wayland scholarships. Tickets can be purchased [here](#). Wayland's Association of Former Students sponsors the event.

**Sarah Alvis of Fort Worth** was crowned Miss ETBU at



Sarah Alvis of Fort Worth was crowned Miss ETBU at the [East Texas Baptist University's](#) 58th annual pageant. Alvis is a sophomore nursing major. Jermaca Brown, a junior kinesiology major from Fairfield, was first runner up. Natalie Pippin of Marshall received the Miss Congeniality Award.

**A Baptist General Convention of Texas team** led by Phil Miller, director of Bible study/discipleship, and David Rangel, director of River Ministry and Mexico missions, traveled to Juarez, Mexico, to train 64 church leaders.

**The [South Texas School of Christian Studies](#)** held an open house at its McAllen campus to spotlight renovated facilities. With the aid of Texas Baptist Men Retiree Builders, the school made about \$500,000 in improvements.

**About 175 [Hardin-Simmons University](#) student athletes** helped



### Hardin-Simmons

University athletes helped local Special Olympians train for their district meet. 93 Special Olympics participants prepare for their district track and field meet. Students from all the university's teams ran the events, which included running, javelin, shot put, tennis ball and softball throws, standing long jump and running long jump.

**Students in the [Dallas Baptist University](#)** Graduate School of Ministry and the master of arts in communication program ministered to residents of the Dallas Life Foundation. The DBU team joined the residents for their evening meal, and they also led a worship service. Dallas Life Foundation is an outreach and advocacy ministry for the homeless of Dallas.

### Event

Volunteers from [First Baptist Church in Longview](#) helped build a home for a Beckville family whose house burned last year. Initially, the family started the rebuilding project themselves but had to stop due to health issues.



Volunteers from First

Baptist Church in Longview helped build a home for a Beckville family whose house burned last year. Volunteers from other churches who served with First Baptist on mission trips to Mexico joined in the effort, along with residents of an East Texas rehab facility. The family moved into their home before Easter. They sought help from Habitat for Humanity in Longview, but they lived outside the organization's service area. So, a deacon at First Baptist Church coordinated the project, working in cooperation with Executive Pastor David English. Volunteers from other churches who had served with First Baptist on mission trips to Mexico joined in the effort, along with residents in an East Texas rehab facility. Students also participated during a DiscipleNow weekend. The family moved into their home before Easter. Cary Hilliard is pastor at First Baptist Church in Longview.

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# Around the State: Maston scholars chosen

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Seventeen students from Baptist General Convention of Texas-affiliated universities have been named [Young Maston Scholars](#) by the T. B. Maston Foundation. Students are nominated based on their faithfulness to the ethical example of Jesus; a commitment to Christian ethics lived out in theological inquiry and academic excellence; an established reputation



among peers for ethical Christian

T.B. Maston

was a longtime professor of Christian ethics, leadership; and a vocational calling to ministry. The award is named for T.B. Maston, longtime professor of Christian ethics and author, known for his writing and teaching in the area of biblical ethics, race relations, family life, Christian life and vocation, church and state, and character formation. The scholars (pictured above) are **Top Row:** Jose Jimenez-Abrams (Mary Hardin-Baylor), Zachary Tharp (Howard Payne), Adam Chaney (Houston Baptist), Cullen Ware (Houston Baptist) **Middle Top:** John Bocko (Wayland), Bradley Varnell (Baylor) **Middle Bottom:** Don Williford (Dean, Logsdon Seminary and School of Theology), Jacob Winslager (Dallas Baptist), Michael Barnard (Baylor), Drew Doss (Hardin-Simmons), Sergio Buezo (Baptist University of the Americas), Phaniel Estinvil (Baptist University of the Americas) **Bottom Row:** Mary Vasquez (Howard-Payne), Will Raies (Dallas Baptist), Melinda Herning (Mary Hardin-Baylor), Rebekah Davidson (Hardin-Simmons), Kristian Barnaby (East Texas Baptist), Krystin Jurries (East



Texas Baptist), Hulitt Gloer (2014 Maston Lecturer).

[\*\*First Baptist Church in West\*\*](#) will meet for worship at 10:15 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 20, on the field across from Aderhold Funeral Home on S. Reagan St.—the same location where the church gathered the Sunday after a fertilizer plant exploded on April 17, 2013. **Pastor John Crowder** noted the church decided to establish as a tradition worshipping on that site each year on the Sunday following April 17. “This outdoor service will not only establish a lasting tradition for us, but it will also be a loud and clear testimony that God is good and West blessed,” Crowder said. “We are especially excited about the fact that our first anniversary of the outdoor worship service will fall on Easter. We are going to celebrate life and renewal like never before.”

[\*\*Howard Payne University\*\*](#) will hold its annual Resurrection Week spring revival April 14-16. Dave Edwards is the featured speaker, and recording artist Jami Smith will lead worship. Services will be held at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Tom Copeland**, [\*\*Hardin-Simmons University\*\*](#) associate professor of psychology, will present a free community seminar on communication in marriage April 24 in Room 213 of the Johnson Building at 7 p.m. The seminar is part of the university’s recognition of national counseling month.

[\*\*Dallas Baptist University\*\*](#) will hold the 26th annual DBU-Oak Cliff Partnership Dinner May 6 at 7 p.m. in the Hillcrest Great Hall of the John G. Mahler Student Center on the DBU campus. The 2014 Good Samaritan Award recipients are Nancy Counts and Jim Gettman. For more information, call (214) 333-5811.

[\*\*Buckner International\*\*](#) will hold its first “Hope for Children” benefit featuring country music performer Jimmy Wayne with emcee Paige McCoy Smith of WFAA-TV’s Good Morning Texas at Dallas’ Omni Hotel May 8 at 7

p.m. Guests will share a meal, participate in a silent auction and enjoy music, as well as learn about the global ministry. For more information, call (800) 442-4800, ext. 8017.

**Craig Keener**, professor of New Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary, will be the featured speaker for [B.H. Carroll Theological Institute's](#) spring colloquy May 19-20. The theme of the colloquy is "Jesus and Mighty Works." It will consist of three plenary sessions on Jesus and his miracles. Monday's sessions will begin at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and Tuesday's session will begin at 2 p.m. All will be held at the Wade Building, 300 S. Center, Suite 100, Arlington 76010.

[The Texas Baptist Historical Museum](#) will hold a rededication ceremony May 31 at 1 p.m. The museum is located at 10505 FM 50, Brenham 77833. A barbecue is a part of the event. Make reservations at (972) 331-2235.

[Wayland Baptist University](#) honored significant financial supporters of the university with a dinner hosted by President Paul Armes and his wife, Duanea. Receiving the first-ever President's Awards were Harley and Wilda Redin and Sally Shaw. The Redins first made their impact on the university separately—he as the longtime coach of the Flying Queens basketball team and she was one-half of the Hutchersons, who flew the players to many games. After both their spouses died, they married, creating a joint legacy. The gymnasium at Wayland bears the Hutcherson name, and the court is named for the Redins, and the Athletic Hall of Honor also is named for the former coach. The two have supported scholarships, building projects and many other campaigns. Shaw has supported every initiative of the school for several decades and served on the board of trustees. Donors whose contributions to the university have reached \$100,000 also were honored with Keeper of the Flame Awards. They are L.S. Foreman, Max and Marcheta Gabriel, Bruce and Jolene Julian, Ben and Bertha Mieth, Mark and Linda Murdock, and Robert and Sally Walker.



**Israel Nandamudi**, [East Texas Baptist University](#) professor of political science, delivered the keynote address at the International Conference on Gender Mainstreaming: Issues and Strategies for Empowerment. The two-day conference was held in Andhra Pradesh, India.

### **Anniversaries**

**Iglesia Vaquera Cowboy Church in Waxahachie**, 10th, March 30. Ty Howard is pastor.

**Carl Douglas**, 10th, as pastor of Dixie Frontier Baptist Church in Whitesboro, April 4.

### **Event**

**Fielder Road Baptist Church in Arlington** will not hold services April 27. Instead, an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 members will spread throughout the city to serve the community. Serve Arlington will meet needs by partnering with the city, school district, homeless shelter and crisis pregnancy center, as well as many individuals. Projects will include clean-ups, painting, school carnivals and more. Gary Smith is pastor.

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## **Around the State: Brazilian pastor speaks at Wayland**

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**Paulo Lino**, pastor of Sinai Baptist Church in Salvador, Brazil, delivered [Wayland Baptist University's](#) McCoy Missions Lectures. Lino, who has served in ministry 40 years, told students

the key to happiness is fearing and serving God.

**[Christian Wiman](#)**, senior lecturer in religion and literature at the



Christian Wiman Yale Institute of Sacred Music, is the featured speaker at [Hardin-Simmons University's](#) Lawrence Clayton Poets and Writers Speakers Series, April 14. Wiman was born and grew up in Snyder. He will speak in the chapel service, answer questions during a 4 p.m. session, read poetry at 8 p.m. and sign his books at a 9 p.m. reception.

**[Buckner Children and Family Services](#)** will present a free foster care and adoption information meeting April 17 at 7 p.m. at 5200 Buckner Boulevard in Dallas. Participants will receive an overview of foster care and adoption options in Texas, including foster-to-adopt, Waiting Texas Children and domestic infant adoption programs. For information or a reservation to attend, [click here](#).

**Young evangelicals** at [Hardin-Simmons University](#) held a day of prayer and action on climate change April 3 as a part of a weeklong series of events on 20 Christian campuses across the United States.

**Twenty-four [Dallas Baptist University](#)** students, faculty and staff traveled to Washington D.C. with the school's Cook School of Leadership. Students studied leadership and power through the examination of the lives of America's founding fathers. Some of the sites visited were the White House, the Capitol, the Supreme Court building and the Library of Congress.

**Christian rapper** and author Trip Lee spoke at an [East Texas Baptist University](#) chapel service about grace and gift of salvation.

## **Anniversaries**

**New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Plainview**, 30th, March 16. Joshua Williams is pastor.

**Carl George**, fifth, as pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church in Chandler, April 1.

**Jerry Becknal**, 10th, as pastor of Cranes Mill Baptist Church in Canyon Lake, April 4.

**Edward Murrell**, 10th, as pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Flint, April 13.

**Greg Tanner**, 30th, as associate pastor of worship at First Baptist Church in Vernon.

**James Doremus III**, 10th, as pastor of Memorial Drive Baptist Church in Houston.

**Bobby Catt**, fifth, as minister of students at First Baptist Church in San Angelo.

**Joyce Still**, fifth, as children's ministry coordinator at South Garland Baptist Church in Garland.

## **Retiring**

**Jack Blease**, as pastor of Ridin' for the Brand Cowboy Church in Sanger. He was the founding the pastor of the church and served six years.

**Tom Williams**, as administrator at South Main Baptist Church in Houston.

## **Ordained**

**Mike Coffey** to the ministry at College View Baptist Church in Abilene.

**Kirk Vinson** and **Randal Wiginton** as deacons at Lytle South Baptist Church in Abilene.

## **Revival**

**Macedonia-Hix Baptist Church, Caldwell;** April 13-16; evangelist, Mark Edworthy; pastor, Fred Hornaday.

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# **Around the State: Organ recital for Lent**

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**The [Hardin-Simmons University](#) fine arts department** has scheduled several events as part of a Lenten organ recital series. A concert will be held at First Baptist Church in Abilene April 1 from 12:15 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. HSU professor Hye-Jean Choi and Rob Carlton, a member of the church, will accompany the church's choir. A 12:15 p.m. April 8 event is set for the Episcopal Church of Heavenly Rest in Abilene, featuring members of the Big Country American Guild of Organists. The April 17 Maundy Thursday service will be held at HSU's Logsdon Chapel at 11:55 a.m. It will feature soprano Rosie Hollingsworth and organists Choi, Jessica Spurgers and Daniel Smith.

**The [Wayland Baptist University](#) opera company** will perform April 25-26 at 7:30 p.m. in Harral Auditorium.

**[Houston Baptist University](#)** has announced the naming of the Sadie and Doug Hodo Residence College, currently known as the Lake House. A

dedication and reception will take place April 28 at 2 p.m. Hodo served as the second president of the university from 1987 to 2006.

**A marriage retreat** for ministers and their spouses will be held May 1-3 at the [Cornerstone Lodge](#) in Scurry. Check-in is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, and the event concludes at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. The cost is \$125 for Baptist General Convention of Texas-affiliated ministers and \$375 for non-BGCT church ministers. The cost includes lodging, four meals and snacks, and retreat curriculum. To register, call (972) 486-3045. Space is limited.

[Howard Payne University](#) freshman Jaclyn Bonner was named national champion in novice informative speaking during the National Christian College Forensics Association tournament held at California Baptist University.

**Dawna Walsh** has been named [Dallas Baptist University's](#) adviser of the year. The professor of art and fine arts has been a full-time faculty member since 1978 and has served as chair of the art department. She and her husband, John, are members of First Baptist Church in Dallas.

**About 200 volunteers** participated in a four-day [Texas Baptist Men](#) Disaster Relief Volunteer Roundup at Big Country Baptist Assembly at Lueders. Participants received training in about a dozen specialized disaster relief ministries.

## **Anniversaries**

**Kelvin Reed**, fifth, as associate pastor of music and worship at First Baptist Church in Lewisville.

**First Baptist Church in Salado**, 150th, May 4. The children of the church will each take a turn tugging the rope attached to the churchbell to mark the beginning of the celebration with Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. A video of



interviews with former First Baptist Church in Salado first met in the Salado College building.pastors and an outline of the congregation's history will mark the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The music service will consist of hymns from the 1860s. A barbecue meal under a tent will follow the morning service. After lunch, activities related to the 1860s will be available. The day will conclude with a four-tier anniversary cake served at 4 p.m. Travis Burleson is pastor.

### **Ordination**

Tim Sary, to the ministry at First Baptist Church in Salado, March 30.

### **Event**

Ken James has been named pastor emeritus at First Baptist Church in Hillsboro. The observation was made in conjunction with the congregation's 139th anniversary. He served the church more than 15 years as pastor, and he now is chaplain at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco.

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## **Around the State: Engage**



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The [Engage: Evangelizing Texas Conference](#) for the Dallas area will be held April 3 at Mimosa Lane Baptist Church in Mesquite. There is no fee for the conference that will begin at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided for \$10. Lunch reservations and payment will be handled at check-in.

**Alexander Ogorodnikov**, longtime Russian religious dissident and



Alexander Ogorodnikov, Gulag survivor, will speak on “My Experiences as a Religious Dissident in Russia” March 28 at 1:30p.m. at Baylor University’s [Michael Bourdeaux Research Center](#), Carroll Library, Room 316. The talk is sponsored by the Keston Center for Religion, Politics, and Society.

**Cindy McClenagan**, dean of the School of Languages and Literature at [Wayland Baptist University](#), received an award for American literature from the Conference of College Teachers of English for her paper “Picture Stories in Zora Neale Hurston’s *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.” She presented the paper at the organization’s annual meeting, and it will be published later this year.

## Anniversaries

**Allen Cade**, fifth, as worship pastor at First Baptist Church in Nederland, March 22.

**Micah Howell**, fifth, as youth and family pastor at First Baptist Church in

Nederland, March 22.

**John Self**, 35th, as pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Cameron.

**Mark Trammel**, fifth, as pastor of Grace Point Baptist Church in Tyler.

### **Ordained**

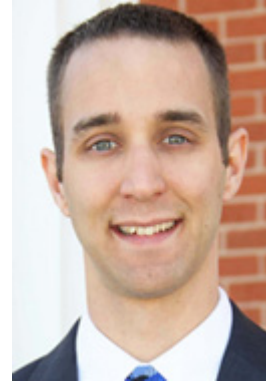
**Aron Arceneaux, Raymond Brannan, Nolen Chatagnier, Jerry Creech, Larry Deorsam, Jay Hanson, Jereme Havard, Sam Maggio, Cory McMains, John Pate, Pat Rogers and Willie Simmons** as deacons at First Baptist Church in Nederland, Jan. 19.

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## **Around the State: Jim and Casper go to HSU**

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[Hardin-Simmons University](#) will be the site of the Jim and Casper Show April 14 at 7 p.m. In addition, the duo will lead the April 15 chapel service at 9:30 a.m. The musical duo and authors of *Jim and Casper Go to Church*, debate Christianity and atheism in the stage show “Why We Need to Change the Conversion Conversation.” When minister Jim Henderson wanted to know what atheists think about church, he recruited nonbeliever Matt Casper, and the two visited churches across the country. The pair recounts their experiences and reactions during the nationwide journey. Both events are free and open to the public.



**Stephen Sullivan** has been named director of alumni relations at [Howard Payne University](#). He previously served as admissions counselor and coordinator of the Mobile Go Center, which provides information about college to high school students and their families.

### **Anniversaries**

**Pine Ridge Baptist Church in Sour Lake**, 140th, March 30. Richard Standley will lead a hymnsing at 9:30 a.m. A meal will follow the morning service. A 1:30 p.m. service will feature singing by The Master's Men and a sermon by Gene Mims. Drifty Cates is pastor.

**Stuart Clark**, 20th, as community pastor of Crossroads Baptist Church in San Antonio.

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## **Around the State: 40th for Texas Port Ministry**

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The [Texas Port Ministry](#) will celebrate its 40th anniversary during the

annual fund-raising banquet April 24. The event will be held at First Baptist



Church Bobby Fullerin Angleton. A silent auction will begin at 6 p.m., with the dinner and program at 6:30. Tables seating eight people are available for \$200 each. To make reservations, call (979) 233-5641. Bobby Fuller is director of the Texas Port Ministry.

**[Buckner Children and Family Services](#)** will present a free foster care and adoption information meeting March 20 at 7 p.m. at 5200 Buckner Boulevard in Dallas. Participants will receive an overview of foster care and adoption options in Texas, including foster-to-adopt, Waiting Texas Children and domestic infant adoption programs. For information or a reservation to attend, [click here](#).

**[Wayland Baptist University's](#)** art department will hold its senior exhibit April 7-May 2 in the Abraham Art Gallery.

**A group** of [Hardin-Simmons University](#) and [Logsdon Theological Seminary](#) students will experience the Apostle Paul's Aegean experience with a spring-break trip to Greece. Ken Lyle, HSU professor of New Testament and Greek, will lead the group. The students also will work with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries Bob and Janice Newell, who minister to Albanians living in Athens.

**Ozzie Ingram** has been named director of the doctor of education in educational leadership program at [Dallas Baptist University](#). He has served DBU 15 years in various leadership capacities. He and his wife, Ann, attend

First Baptist Church in Arlington.

## **Anniversaries**

**Leslie Hollon**, fifth, as pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio, Feb. 1.

**Eugene Lewis**, 10th, as pastor



Four Howard Payne University students were named Currie-Strickland Scholars in Christian Ethics and Theology. Joining Derek Hatch, assistant professor of Christian studies are (l-r) Zach Tharp, senior youth ministry major from Brownwood; Jared Huntley, senior Bible major from Brownwood; Rick Henderson, senior Christian education major from Plainview; Lillie Davis, senior cross-cultural studies major from Lampasas; and Donnie Auvenshine, professor of Christian studies and dean of the School of Christian Studies of Union Baptist Church in Refugio, March 14.

**Joel McCoy**, 10th, as pastor of First Baptist Church in Crowley, March 14.

**Mark Lindsey**, fifth, as pastor of First Baptist Church in Big Spring, March 29.

**Henry Stovall**, 20th, as pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Bryan.

**Steve Holcombe**, fifth as director of missions for Creath-Brazos Baptist

Association.

**Jimmy Pritchard**, 20th, as pastor of First Baptist Church in Forney, April 1.

**First Baptist Church in Denver City**, 75th, April 4-6. Activities will begin at 1 p.m. with fellowship at the church. A catered meal at the Mustang Cafeteria will begin at 5 p.m., followed by a service at 7:05 p.m. led by Ronnie and Billy Bob White. Saturday will include music and activities in the park and a golf tournament, beginning at 10 a.m. A service in the park will be held that evening with former pastor Bob Webb preaching. A 9:30 a.m. breakfast will begin Sunday festivities, followed by a worship service led by Clay Searcy. A time capsule will be opened, followed by a catered meal at the Mustang Cafeteria. To make reservations for the meals or golf tournament, call (806) 592-3130. Marty Akins is pastor.

### **Ordained**

**Rosendo Lopez** to the ministry at Primera Iglesia Bautista in Muleshoe, Feb. 9.

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## **Around the State: Gospel music at Southwestern Seminary**

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**Greater Vision and Mark Trammell** will present a Southern Gospel music concert at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary March 7 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15. Doors open at 6 p.m. To purchase tickets in advance, [click](#)



[here](#).

**Lake Ivie Baptist Association** will hold its senior adult rally at [First Baptist Church in Bronte](#) March 5 at 11:30 a.m. Ken Lyle is the guest speaker. Matt and Joanna Self and Donnie Cornutt will be the musicians. The event includes a free baked-potato lunch.



A Day At Miracle Farm will feature a “Salute to America” mounted flag presentation. **A Day At Miracle Farm**, the annual open house at [Children At Heart’s](#) boys’ ranch ministry near Brenham, will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. April 5. Admission and all attractions are free. Barbecue is available for \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the event. To reserve barbecue tickets, [click here](#). Activities will include wagon rides, horseback rides for children, a “Salute to America” mounted flag presentation, a petting zoo, a roping demonstration and campus tours, as well as free ice cream and a live auction of crafts made by the boys.

**Singer and author Gloria Gaither** will headline [Hardin-Simmons University’s](#) Round Table Scholarship Luncheon March 6. She has written lyrics for more than 700 songs and is a member of the Gospel Music Hall of

Fame. She earned four Grammy Awards, 10 Dove Awards and the ASCAP Songwriters of the Century Award. She also has written more than 40 books. Tickets to the luncheon are sold out, but tickets to a concert may be purchased at the door for \$10. Luncheon guests will be seated at 11:30 a.m., and the performance will begin at 12:15 p.m. The luncheon supports the Lucile Sandefer Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded during the event.

**The Dallas Coalition for Hunger Solutions** will hold an 11 a.m. luncheon March 20 at 5100 Ross Avenue in Dallas titled “Hunger Solutions for the Faith Community.” Jeremy Everett, director of the [Texas Hunger Initiative](#), will present six ways congregations can alleviate hunger. A complimentary light lunch will be served.

**Wayland Baptist University** will hold its Big Weekend for prospective students March 28-29. The event includes activities, information sessions, meals, campus tours and scholarship auditions. Registration is \$30. To register, [click here](#).



**Jan Daehnert**, who served the Baptist General Convention of Texas 37 years in various roles including interim executive director, has joined the [Dallas Baptist University](#) faculty as assistant professor of biblical studies. He and his wife, Carol, are members of Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving.

**A national exhibition** March 28-May 11 at the Wichita Center for the Arts

in Wichita, Kan., will feature two pastel pieces by David Harmon, professor of art at [Howard Payne University](#).

**Sam Moseley**, a Marshall attorney and former [East Texas Baptist University](#) board of trustees chairman, received ETBU's Sam B. Hall Jr. Civic Service Award. Hall of Fame football coach Gene Stallings was the keynote speaker for the evening.

## **Events**

**"The Bible: Son of God Tour 2014"** will make stops at Riverbend Baptist Church in Austin March 27 and First Baptist Church in Sunnyvale March 28. Music from Francesca Battistelli, Sidewalk Prophets, Natalie Grant, Chris August, Meredith Andrews and Jason Gray is featured. Tickets are \$25. To purchase, [click here](#).

**First Baptist Church in Devine** will hold a Bible conference titled "Contemporary Issues and the Bible" March 28-30. Conference leaders are Bill Tillman, director of theological education for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and Randy Richards, dean of the School of Ministry at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Mike Barrera is pastor.

**Karen Peck and New River** will present a concert at the Franklin High School Auditorium at 6 p.m. March 29. Tickets are for sale at First Baptist Church in Franklin for \$15 and \$20.

## **Ordained**

**Kevin Harmon, Ron Phelps** and **Vince Thompson** as deacons at First Baptist Church in Temple, Feb. 23.

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# **Around the State: Astronaut who walked on moon walks with Christ**

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Apollo astronaut Charles Duke told San Marcos Baptist Academy students his walk on the moon pales in comparison to his walk with Christ.

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# **Around the State: Grant for Baylor's 'Faith Project'**

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Jonathan Kvanvig and Trent Dougherty, philosophy professors at [Baylor](#)



[University](#), and Daniel Howard-Snyder, Jonathan Kvanvig a philosophy professor at Western Washington University, have received a \$1.5 million grant from the Templeton Religion Trust for their three-year project, "The Nature and Value of Faith." The purpose of the grant is to investigate faith and the ways it manifests itself in the lives of successful people, both in religious contexts and ordinary life.

**[Hardin-Simmons University](#)** will hold its Outstanding Young Alumni Awards banquet Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. Honorees are Chad Braun, a finance officer; Deanna Julian, an entertainer; and Jason Terrell, a medical doctor.

**The art department** of **[Wayland Baptist University](#)** will host an exhibit, "Our People, Our Land, Our Images," Feb. 24-March 28 in the Abraham Art Gallery.

**A literacy conference** will be held March 1 at **[Dallas Baptist University](#)** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Workshops include resources for general-equivalency diploma training, teaching citizenship classes, English-as-a-Second-Language resources, teaching English, online resources for literacy ministry and sharing faith. The cost is \$25. To register, [click here](#).

**[First Baptist Church in Midland](#)** will sponsor its second annual Principled Leadership Conference March 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be held in the Allison Fine Arts building on the Midland College campus. Randel Everett, pastor of First Baptist Church, and Harvey Perkins, CEO and founder of the **[Urban Learning and Leadership Center](#)** in Hampton, Va., will lead the conference. The conference will equip participants to think critically about the changing patterns and challenges of society and to explore possibilities for utilizing their leadership skills. The registration fee of \$350 includes materials. The first 100 nonprofit leaders to register will pay \$50. For more information, call (432) 683-0604.

**Alice Zaccarello** has been named executive director of the **[Well Community](#)**, a ministry to people with mental illness in Dallas. Founded in 2002, it is housed at **[Cliff Temple Baptist Church](#)** and serves 350 people.

**[Howard Payne University](#)** music students Allen Andrus and Hannah Strebeck have received the Clara Freshour Nelson Scholarship through the Texas Association of Music Schools.

## **Anniversaries**

**Larry Johnson**, 30th, executive director of Ellis Baptist Association, Feb. 1. He began as the church-starting associate for the Trinity Brazos Baptist Area, which included Ellis County. In 1994, the area separated into separate associations, and Johnson was named leader of the Ellis County group of churches.

## **Events**

**First Baptist Church in Cisco** honored Martha Davis for 50 years as church pianist Feb. 2. She received a necklace, a plaque of appreciation and a proclamation from the mayor naming the day in her honor.

**A “No Man Left Behind” training event** is scheduled March 8 at Trinity Baptist Church in Tyler. “No Man Left Behind” trains a core group of men in the essentials of establishing an effective men’s ministry intended to disciple every man in the congregation. The session begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 3 p.m. Registration is \$15, which covers the cost of materials. For more information, call (903) 593-3143 or contact Randy Newberry at (214) 275-1122.

**Ken Medema** will lead worship at First Baptist Church in Devine March 9. He will sing and speak in the 11 a.m. worship service and present a concert at 6 p.m.

**First Baptist Church in Austin** will be the site of a Pilgrimage of Trust March 21-23, led by the monks of the Taizé monastery in Taizé, France. The event is aimed at adults under age 35. It will begin with evening prayer on Friday and conclude mid-day Sunday. Workshops and small-group activities will cover social justice issues and feature discussion on ways to help people who are suffering, and becoming bearers of peace and reconciliation. The fee is \$45 and covers on-site meals. To register, [click here](#).