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Allison Church in Lipan is compiling information on the church's history. Information is sought on any pastor who served the church prior to 1946, as well as the following: **Bob Collard**, 1955-1956; **L.R. Looper**, 1956-1959; **Maurice Caldwell**, 1959-1960; **Harvey Willcox**, 1960-1963; and **Robert Chenault**, 1970-1973. Contact current pastor **Wayne Ford** at (254) 646-2908.

☒ **Clay Polson** was one of 18 chaplains endorsed recently by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He serves at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco.



The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor has donated 41 used computers to eight area churches including First Church of La Grange, Taylor's Valley Church of Temple, First Church of Belton, East Side Church of Killeen, Willow Grove Church of Moody, Plantersville Church of Plantersville, First Church of Moffatt and Canyon Creek Church of Temple.

Above, Jeff Loudin, pastor of Taylor's Valley Church, loads some of the donated equipment. This is an annual upgrade process of the university. As one-third of the campus computers are upgraded, one-third of the older computers and printers are donated.

☒ New faculty at Houston Baptist University include **David Adcock**, instructor in Christianity and philosophy; **James Claycomb**, assistant professor of physics; **Curtis Henderson**, assistant professor of biology; **Jamie Johns**, assistant professor of Christianity; **Dorothy Johnson**, associate professor of nursing; **Cynthia Martindill**, assistant professor of nursing; **Robert McElroy**, interim director of instrumental activities; **Ray Newman**, dean of the college of business and economics; **Amie Ryan**, assistant professor of mathematics; **Doni Wilson**, assistant professor of English; and **Jacob Wonders**, instructor of kinesiology.

☒ New Hardin-Simmons University faculty include **Tommy Brisco**, professor and dean of the Logsdon School of Theology; **Kenneth Lyle**, associate professor of New Testament and Greek; **Joanne Roberts**, associate professor of sociology; **Sharon Rogers**, assistant professor of nursing; **Sandy Self**, associate professor of political science and legal studies; **Ben Odhiambo**, assistant professor of environmental science; **Sharon Souter**, assistant professor of nursing; **Rich Traylor**, assistant professor of history; **Judy Creech**, instructor of nursing; **Ellen Boyd**, instructor of nursing; **Rick Adams**, visiting instructor of art; **Richard Kincaid**, visiting instructor of communication; **David Cory**, visiting instructor of social work; and **Teresa Ellis**, library liason.

Anniversaries

☒ **Richard Segars**, 25th, as minister of education at First Church in Graham, Aug. 24.

☒ **Stan Hanes**, 10th, as minister of music and adult education at First Church in Big Spring.

☒ **Moises Aguirre**, 45th, in the ministry. He is pastor of Mount Horeb

Church in McAllen.

✘ **Jerry Blake**, 10th, as music minister at First Church in Graham, Sept. 14.

✘ **Roger Fancher**, 40th, as pastor of First Church in Kempner, Sept. 25.

✘ **James Morrow**, fifth, as pastor of Western Hills Church in Kerrville, Oct. 1.

✘ **Kenneth Jordan**, fifth, as pastor of First Church in Bartlett, Oct. 4.

✘ First Church in Lueders, 100th, Oct. 10-12. Festivities will kick off Friday night after the football game with a fellowship at the church. Saturday at 7 p.m., a gospel sing will be held with a dessert social to follow. Breakfast will be served before Sunday School the next morning. The service will feature guest speakers and special music. A luncheon will follow. **Harold Barnes** is pastor.

✘ **James Fuller**, 10th, as pastor of Calder Church in Beaumont, Oct. 12.

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employed an
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each year for
the week of
Bible study.
This year's
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was
designed by
church
member
Karen
Dietrich,
who was
aided in its
construction
by Pam
Buck.

✘ Rock Crossing Church in Electra, 75th, Oct. 18-19. For more information, call (940) 552-0496. **Richard Ingram** is pastor.

✘ First Church in Kennard, 100th, Oct. 26. A luncheon will follow the morning service. For more information, call (936) 655-2371. **James Durham** is pastor.

✘ First Church in Kingwood, 25th, Oct. 26. **Bill Pinson**, former executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will be the guest speaker. A luncheon will follow. Pastor **Dearing Garner** celebrated his 25th anniversary with the church in August.

✘ First Church in Woodway, 50th, Oct. 26. The day will feature former staff, special music guests and the church's history. A picnic will follow the morning service. For more information, call (254) 772-9696. **Mike Toby** is pastor.

✘ First Church in Bartlett, 120th, Nov. 2. **Kenneth Jordan** is pastor.

✘ Westbury Church in Houston, 40th, Nov. 2. A reunion choir and covered dish luncheon will be among the activities. **Bob Campbell** is pastor.

✘ First Church in Three Rivers, 90th, Nov. 9. Anyone who can help in locating former pastors and staff is asked to call (361) 786-2760. **Robert Hobbins** is pastor.

Events

✘ A reunion of participants in the ministry of the Texas Tech Baptist Student Ministry will be held Oct. 10-11.

✘ Timbergrove Church in Houston will hold a homecoming service Oct. 12 to commemorate its 53 years of service to the community. A former youth choir, the **JAM Singers**, will present a music program following the barbecue lunch to be served at noon. **A.M. Stone** is pastor.

✘ Calder Church in Beaumont will hold homecoming services Oct. 12. Charter members will be honored, and a luncheon will follow the morning service. **James Fuller** is pastor.

✘ The Duck Commander, **Phil Robertson**, will speak Oct. 21 in Harvey Hall at the fairgrounds in Tyler. Presented by Christian Hunters and Anglers and the men's ministry of Green Acres Church in Tyler, exhibits will open at 5 p.m., a catfish dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and Robertson will speak at 7 p.m., complete with a question-and-answer session. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (903) 525-1142.

✘ A dedication service for the Baptist Student Ministry building at Stephen F. Austin University will be held at 1 p.m. Oct. 25.

✘ The Heights Church in Richardson will host the World Day of Prayer Nov. 3. The focus will be on the special needs of women worldwide. Baptist groups around the world will be joining in prayer that day in more than 150 languages. A free breakfast will be served from 9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m., followed by a program of music, drama, a guest speaker and prayer with missionaries who have served throughout the world. **Debra Hochgraber**, a consultant with the women's evangelism center of the BGCT, will be the guest speaker. Register through Oct. 29 by calling (972) 231-6047. Free childcare is available by reservation only. **Gary Singleton** is pastor.

✘ **Andy Bratcher** will be honored with a reception Nov. 8 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at First Church in Lott. He has been either a pastor or interim pastor for 57 years and has preached in every church in Falls Association. He also

served as chaplain of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Marlin, and since 1969 has officiated at 1,012 funerals.

✘ Iglesia Getsemani in Fort Worth will hold a building dedication service at 11 a.m. Nov. 16. **Julio Guarneri** is pastor.

Deaths

✘ **Charles Bradshaw**, 103, Aug. 22. A Baptist deacon and Sunday School teacher, he was a long-time member of the First Baptist churches in Corpus Christi and Beeville.

✘ **John Clayton**, 60, Sept. 21 in Boston, Mass. He was a 1964 Hardin-Simmons University graduate and the 1995 recipient of the university's distinguished alumni award. He was chairman of the department of religion and director of the graduate division of religious and theological studies at Boston University until July, when health concerns led him to resign.

Revivals

✘ **Immanuel Church, Jefferson**; Oct. 5-8; evangelist, Tim Ellis; pastor, Clarence Clevenger.

✘ **First Church, Jefferson**; Oct. 5-8; *evangelists, Randy Fair Family; pastor, Joe Perkins.

✘ **College Heights Church, Cleburne**; Oct. 5-8; evangelist, Bailey Stone; pastor, Mark Ely.

✘ **Nesbitt Church, Marshall**; Oct. 8-12; *evangelists, Jim and Kelly Walsh; pastor, Dick Sawyer.

☒ **Central Church, Italy**; Oct. 19-22; *evangelist, Jon Randles; *music, Steve Thomas; no pastor.

☒ **Hillcrest Church, Marshall**; Oct. 19-22; *evangelist, Jim Bob Griffin; pastor, William Hogan.

☒ **Lebanon Church, Cleburne**; Oct. 19-22; evangelist, Cody Whitfill; pastor, Randy Rogers.

*vocational evangelist

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