

# Around the State\_82503

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## Around the State

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship recently endorsed several chaplains who will serve in Texas, including **Jeff Lancaster**, Denison; **Harrison Roper**, Waco; **Hazel Thomas**, Fort Worth; and **Pam Rains**, Beaumont.

- ♦ Alumni of the University of Miami, Florida International University and Miami-Dade Community College who participated in Baptist Student Ministries are asked to send contact information to [miamibcm@aol.com](mailto:miamibcm@aol.com) or call (305) 667-1066 in preparation for a Nov. 15 reunion.

## Appointments

- ♦ Recently appointed Texans by the North American Mission Board included **Bobby** and **Tracy Anne Dean**, who will serve in Colorado Springs, Colo., as church starters. He considers Simonton to be his hometown, and is a former youth minister at Parkway Hills Church in Plano and First Church in Columbus. The Deans have one son, Thomas.



**Recently added** to the Dallas Baptist University faculty were Charles Carona, assistant professor of education and director of the Master of Education program; Donovan Fredricksen, assistant professor of education; Melissa Newman, assistant professor of communication; and Layne Bradley, assistant professor of business and director of the Master of Business Administration program.

**Ann Taylor** of Rockwall will be campus minister at Harvard University.

### **Anniversaries**

- ♦ **Joe McCammon**, fifth, as pastor of Wildwood Church in Mesquite, Aug. 1.
- ♦ **Jon Hollan**, fifth, as minister of music and senior adults at Hampton Road Church in De-Soto, Aug. 17.
- ♦ **John Lockhart**, 20th, as pastor of First Church in Richmond, Aug. 18.
- ♦ **Jimmy Arnold**, 25th, as pastor of First Church in Woodsboro, Aug. 27.
- ♦ College Hills Church in San Angelo, 50th, Aug. 30-31. The celebration will include special programs, music, visiting and food. For more information, call (325) 949-5788. **Lakan Mariano** is pastor.
- ♦ First Church in Blossom, 130th, Aug. 31. **Bobby Renfro** will be the guest speaker, and the **Lighthouse Quartet** will perform. **Roger Pugh** is

pastor.

- ♦ **Paul McBride**, 20th, as pastor of Friendship Church in The Colony.
- ♦ **Tim Newton**, fifth, as student ministry associate at First Church in Denton.
- ♦ **Ray Spradling**, 15th, as minister of education at Calvary Church in Bryan.
- ♦ **Wayne Barrett**, 10th, as associate pastor for music at First Church in Huntsville, Sept. 1. His wife, **Sherri**, also celebrates 10 years as pianist.
- ♦ **Preston Baker**, 10th, as pastor of First Church in Shepherd, Sept. 26. The church rewarded Baker and his wife, **Pam**, with a trip to Hawaii.
- ♦ Gateway Church in Whitehouse, 25th, Sept. 28. A luncheon and an afternoon service will be held. For more information, call (903) 839-7171. **Ron Moore** is pastor.
- ♦ Purves Church in Dublin, 100th, October. The church is preparing a historical video and needs photographs of three former pastors—**Jack Schnieder**, **Bill Tucker** and **William Noel**. For more information, call (254) 445-2050.
- ♦ First Church in Tahoka, 100th, Oct. 4-5. Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday with singing, coffee and cake. A catered meal will follow the morning service. Information on former staff members **Eddie Howard**, **Sheldon Russell**, **Winfred Walker** and **Jim Patrick** is being sought. For more information or to pass on information, write the church at P.O. Box 1547, Tahoka 79373 or e-mail fbctahoka@juno.com.

## **Retiring**

- ♦ **Bobby Owens**, as pastor of Lake Whitney Church in Laguna Park.

## Deaths

- ♦ **Mary Ellan Davis**, 85, July 29 in Waco. She was the wife of B.L. Davis, former pastor and director of missions for Amarillo Association. She was a member of Columbus Avenue Church in Waco. She is survived by her husband of 62 years; daughter, Dian Taylor; son, Mike Davis; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

- ♦ **Darrel Rains**, 57, Aug. 1 in Cleburne. Rains was pastor of churches in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas 35 years, including Casa View Church in Dallas. He was preceded in death by his brother, George. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; son, Nathan; daughter, Amy Wood; two grandchildren; and father and step-mother, Ray and Ethel Rains.

- ♦ **Dorothy Green**, 82, Aug. 3 in Lubbock. She was the wife of retired pastor Lomer Green, who served in Louisiana, El Paso, Fort Hancock, Ashland, Big Spring, Kermit and Odessa. She is survived by her husband; brother, Joe Welzel; daughter, Beverly Vincent; sons, Fred and L.D.; and eight grandchildren.

- ♦ **Camille Swart**, 73, Aug. 13 in Houston. An active member of Wildewood Church in Spring, she served in Woman's Missionary Union and as a Bible study leader and a deacon. She served on the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas from 1993 until 1998. She also was involved with Union Association, Texas Baptists Committed and the Baptist World Alliance. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Bill; sons, Bill, Ed and Sam; daughters, Ruth Burrows and Lela Kate Ogletree; 15 grandchildren; brother, Riley Conely; and sister, Ann Vernon.

- ♦ **Leonard Holloway**, 80, Aug. 13 in Kerrville. An ordained minister,

Holloway was a former president of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and the University of Corpus Christi, and also served two terms as mayor of Kerrville. He also was vice president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was a member of Trinity Church in Kerrville. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Betty; daughters, Sha Cowan and Jamie Aven; and four grandchildren.

- ♦ **J.P. Ward Jr.**, 80, Aug. 16 in Granbury. He was a deacon at Acton Church in Granbury, where his son, Glenn, is pastor. He was a teacher and coach 34 years in Anson, Vega, Snyder and Birdville/Richland Hills. He is survived by his wife, Jamie; sons, Glenn, Benny and Ronald; and daughters, Donna Headstream and Victoria Norman; sister, Maydell Scott of Graham; brother, Donald Ward of Anson; and 12 grandchildren.

## **Events**

- ♦ Prestonwood Church in Plano held the grand opening of the second part of the construction on the west side of the campus that covers 136,500 square feet Aug. 16-17. The new facilities include a 600-seat chapel; a cafe that will serve three meals a day and Starbucks coffee; a student ministry building that includes PlayStation games, a pool table and a large room for gatherings and concerts that features two IMAG screens; an expanded bookstore; a commons area with couches, cafe seating and video screens; a 150-foot tower of faith housing a prayer room; and a children's playroom. **Jack Graham** is pastor.

- ♦ Brentwood Church in Houston commemorated 38 years of service to the community with a picnic and special services Aug. 17. **Joe Ratliff** is pastor.

- ♦ Park Memorial Church in Houston will hold homecoming services Sept. 14. To make reservations for the covered dish luncheon, call (713)

923-2853. **Ricky Fletcher** is pastor.

- ♦ First Church in Van will hold homecoming services Sept. 21. **Mark Turman** will be the guest speaker in the morning service, followed by lunch. A special music program will follow the meal. **Michael Calhoun** is pastor.

### **Licensed**

- ♦ **Robert Porter** and **Mike Sackmary** to the ministry at First Church of Oak Hill in Austin.

- ♦ **Billy Bardin, Clay Jacobs** and **Paul Billiet** to the ministry at Cowboy Heritage Church in Abilene.

- ♦ **George Tijerina, Carlos Benitez, Jose Luis Aginagua** and **Luis Alban** to the ministry at First Church in Hallsville.

### **Ordained**

- ♦ **Zach Souter** and **Jeremy Johnston** to the ministry at First Church in Merkel.

- ♦ **Tiffany Wright** to the ministry at Wilshire Church in Dallas.

- ♦ **Greg Benesh, Alan Bowden, John Eaker, Ron Grusendorf** and **Phil Oliver** as deacons at Columbus Avenue Church in Waco.

### **Revivals**

- ♦ **Braeburn Valley Church, Houston**; Aug. 31-Sept. 3; \*evangelist, Herman Cramer; \*music, Bill and Vicky Murphy; pastor, Preston Dupré.

♦ **First Church, Liberty**; Sept. 7-10; \*evangelist, Michael Gott; \*music, Scot Cameron; pastor, Jerry Johnson.

♦ **Cedar Grove Church, Greenville**; Sept. 7-11; \*evangelist, Wes Massey; \*music, Don Thornton; pastor, Glenn Cook Jr.

\*vocational evangelist

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