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Among the chaplains endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in October were **Pam Foster**, a hospice chaplain in Fort Worth; **Debbie Kubo**, a hospice chaplain in Dallas; and **Doug Cobb**, a chaplain at Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple.

♦ The Hardin-Simmons University Alumni Association has elected **Ronnie Kidd** to remain as president of its board of directors in 2005. Other board members are **Andrea Howey**, **Larry Moss**, **Karen Johnson**, **Erin Maddox**, **Karen Gurganus**, **Debbie Young**, **Deborah Ashmore**, **Ann Scargall**, **Pat Kelley**, **Billy Bob Neff**, **Janis Altom**, **Vance Cooksey**, **Dean Taggart**, **Donald Tittle**, **Dorothy Kiser**, **Debbie Harruff**, **Bee Shakleford** and **Fred Ewing**.

♦ **Joe Welsh**, pastor of View Church in Abilene, has been elected moderator of Abilene Association. **Jim McCurley**, pastor of Potosi Church in Abilene, was elected first vice moderator, and **Lee Fuller**, pastor of Wylie Church in Abilene, selected to be second vice moderator. **David Cason**, pastor of Broadview Church in Abilene, will head the evangelism/missions team; **Mike Woodard**, pastor of Southwest Park Church in Abilene, will lead the strengthening existing churches team; and **Monroe Levrets**, a member of Wylie Church, is stewardship team leader.



Erma Liles' gift enabled First Church in Weinert to purchase chair lifts to enable elderly and disabled members of the congregation to have access to the church's fellowship hall, which is located upstairs. The congregation thanked Liles for her gift at a dedication service. She is pictured with pastor J.C. Baker.

♦ **Margie Thomas** was the featured artist during the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor's homecoming activities. Her exhibit will be on view through Dec. 13 on the second floor of Townsend Memorial Library.

♦ Youth throughout the state are being sought by the Fellowship of Baptist Educators as corresponders with Chinese students in grades 7-12 who are learning English. Sunday school classes and Acteen and

Challenger groups are encouraged to request letters from Chinese students that the American youth will answer. Requests for letters should include the name and mailing and e-mail address of the group leader; the number of letters needed; name of the church or group; and a promise that every letter will be answered. Many Christians use this activity to share their faith with Chinese students. Letters will arrive from China in December and be sent to requesting groups in late January. To obtain letters, contact **John Carter** at j-fcarter@juno.com by Jan. 15.

- ◆ The Baylor Alumni Association presented four Outstanding Young Alumni Awards. Chosen were **Jodi Arnold**, **Dub Oliver**, **Jim Springfield** and **Wendi Foy Green**.

- ◆ Thirty-three men were named to the Circle of Honor by the Hispanic Baptist Convocation of the Laity. Included were **Robert Arrubla**, Fort Worth; **E.B. Brooks**, Dallas; **Ray Carrillo**, Tyler; **Larry Cepeda**, Dallas; **Bob Dixon**, Dallas; **Alfonso Flores**, San Antonio; **Guadalupe Fonseca**, San Antonio; **Ciro Garcia**, Austin; **Joel Garcia**, Bandera; **Roberto Garcia**, Fort Worth; **Santiago Garcia**, San Antonio; **Raymond Gonzales**, Dallas; **Josue Grijalva**, San Antonio; **Damon Hollings-worth**, Spicewood; **Elmin Howell**, Rockwall; **Rodrigo Jimenez**, Garland; **Herman Martinez**, Waxahachie; **Larry Naranjo**, Lubbock; **Richard Palma**, Carrollton; **Carlos Paredes**, Dallas; **Gus Reyes Sr.**, Dallas; **Manuel Rios**, San Antonio; **Rolando Rodarte**, San Antonio; **Isaac Rodriguez**, Corpus Christi; **Manuel Rodriguez**, San Antonio; **Noah Rodriguez**, San Antonio; **Raymond Rodriguez**, Dallas; **Rudy Sanchez**, Dallas; **Orville Scott**, Grand Saline; **Ben Silva**, Dallas; **J.V. Thomas**, Shepherd; **Isaac Torres**, Kingsville; and **David Vivero**, Dallas.

Deaths

- ◆ **Myron Roe**, 94, Oct. 10. He was a charter member of Colonial Hill

Church in Snyder and served as music director. He was preceded in death by his wife, Verna Lee; and their children, Jerry Roe and Rosie Floyd.

- ♦ **Mary Gregory**, 74, Oct. 12 in Anson. She was the wife of retired minister Rowland Gregory. They served at Second Church in Garland, Lake Highlands Church in Dallas, First Church in Odessa, University Church in Abilene, Proctor Street Church in Port Arthur and Southside Church in Wichita Falls. She also helped to launch several preschools and kindergartens in Texas and Colorado. For nine years, she was a children's/preschool specialist for the Colorado Baptist General Convention. She is survived by her husband of 56 years; son, Steven; and sister, Kathy Barnes.

- ♦ **Carol Norton**, 62, Oct. 29 in Dallas. Norton had been director of missions for Grayson Association since 1997. He previously had been pastor at Foote Church in McKinney, North McKinney Church in McKinney, First Church in Quitman and First Church in Denison. He was preceded in death by his son, Josh. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Pam; daughter, Piper Carlile; son, Matt; sister, Nila Kremenak; brother, Dee; and four grandchildren.

Anniversaries

- ♦ **David Howard**, 10th, as associate pastor for music and education at Baylor Church in Ennis, Nov. 6.

- ♦ **Mike Lawson**, fifth, as pastor of First Church in Sherman, Nov. 8.

- ♦ First Church in Mont Belvieu, 75th, Nov. 14. A catered lunch will follow the morning service. **Jake Porter** is pastor.

- ♦ **Dennis Keen**, 20th, as pastor of West End Church in Industry.

- ♦ **Dale Hill**, 10th, as pastor of Grand Parkway Church in Sugar Land.

Retiring

♦ **Joe Trull**, pastor of the Church at Driftwood since 1997. He was professor of Christian ethics at New Orleans Baptist Seminary from 1985 to 1999 after serving as pastor at First Church in El Paso, Calvary Church in Garland and Crestview Church in Austin. He will continue as editor of Christian Ethics Today, as an adjunctive teacher at Baylor University and leader of ethics conferences.

Ordained

- ♦ **Joe Cameron** to the ministry at Lone Oak Church in Harleton.
- ♦ **Tim Doremus** to the ministry at Purmela Church in Purmela.
- ♦ **Daryl Marwitz, Joe Lee** and **Bassel Leach** as deacons at First Church in Evant.

Revival

- ♦ **Black Creek Church, Centerville**; Nov. 7-10; evangelist, Tom Fields; pastor, Norman Diehl.

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